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## TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

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As the history committee have completed the work assigned them by vote of the town, and now after unavoidable delays send forth the Milford Town History, "they sorrow most of all" that the careful, painstaking, faithful editor, compiler, and historian, the Hon. George A. Ramsdell, has gone to the reward of the faithful ones of earth before the full completion of this work, which shall remain through the generations to come an honor to his head and heart.

Your committee are fully assured that in the selection of historiographer they made no mistake, and we feel that the committee and the town are under great obligations, and cherish in high esteem the memory of this native of our town for his faithful and generous work in the preparation of this history which was very nearly completed at the time of his decease. We admire the sacrifice made in his devotion to this work amid his other multifarious duties, giving precious time to this that should have been taken for rest and recreation.

The history committee in completing this work do not claim for it perfection, because they do not wish it to stand out as unique among all the multitude of town histories. But we believe it to be a truthful record of the principal events that have transpired in the town since its incorporation.

The preparation of this volume has been a gratuitous labor upon the part of the historian, genealogist, and committee, they having received no compensation for their long and perplexing labors beyond the satisfaction that comes from the faithful discharge of a duty imposed upon them by their fellow-citizens.

GEO. A. WORCESTER,  
JOHN E. FOSTER,  
WM. P. COLBURN,  
*History Committee.*

## ACTION OF THE TOWN RELATIVE TO THE HISTORY.

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At the annual town-meeting, March 12, 1889, a committee, consisting of George A. Worcester, Clinton S. Averill, and Robert M. Wallace, was appointed to consider the matter of a town history.

The committee made a report at a subsequent meeting, recommending the passage of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the selectmen be, and hereby are, instructed to appoint a committee of not less than five persons to prepare and publish a history of the town.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted, and the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) was raised and appropriated towards the expense of publication.

The selectmen, April 15, 1891, appointed George A. Worcester, Clinton S. Averill, William P. Colburn, John W. Crosby, John E. Foster, William H. W. Hinds, as such committee.

Soon after the appointment was made the committee met and organized by the choice of George A. Worcester, chairman ; Clinton S. Averill, treasurer, and John E. Foster, secretary. Upon the decease of Mr. Averill, he was succeeded by W. H. W. Hinds as treasurer.

August 10, 1891, the committee made choice, by a unanimous vote, of George A. Ramsdell as town historian, requesting him to accept the position, and enter upon the work as soon as consistent with his other engagements.

Mr. Ramsdell accepted the position with the understanding that his personal services were to be gratuitously rendered, and that his only charge would be for money expended in the preparation of the history.

## PREFACE.

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Very early in the progress of the work the health of Mr. Averill became impaired, and the committee and the historian were unfortunately deprived of his valuable services.

Dr. Hinds was an interested member of the committee until prostrated by his fatal illness.

Colonel Crosby was an invaluable member, rendering, as long as his health permitted, distinguished service, especially in that part of the history relating to the Civil War.

But one half the original committee survives the publication of this volume.

The historian desires to record in this connection his obligation to the members, living and deceased.

It has been a pleasure to be brought into intimate connection from time to time, with men so thoroughly and so intelligently interested in historical matters.

The family registers, which make a substantial part of this volume, are the work of Deacon William P. Colburn, and will remain an enduring monument to his intelligent labor.

The history has been something more than eight years in preparation. Possibly it would have been completed at an earlier day had the cares of the historian, public and private, been less exacting.

The author could not have carried on the work, circumstanced as he has from time to time found himself, had it not been for the active coöperation of the committee. In fact he has never hesitated to call upon the chairman and other members of the committee for assistance requiring much hard work whenever it seemed necessary.

Evidence will be found upon many pages indicating plainly that the work has been performed at intervals during the eight or nine years preceding the date of publication; but in all cases an effort has been made to bring the treatment of every subject to as late a date as possible. Several additions

and corrections will be found at the close of the family registers.

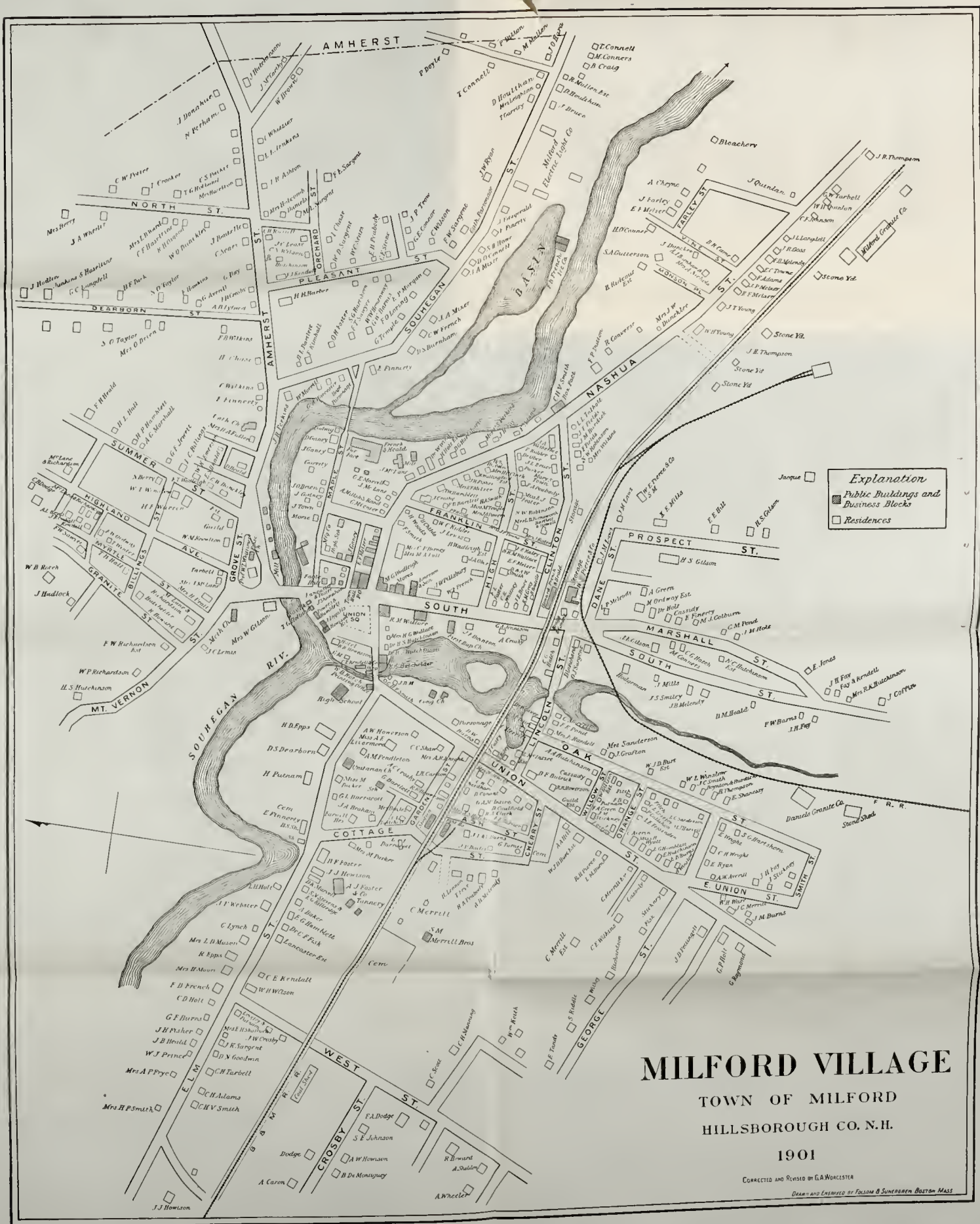
So much assistance has been rendered by citizens of the town, and natives of the town residing elsewhere, that it is well nigh impossible to award just and impartial commendation.

In a word, let it be said that every one from whom assistance might reasonably be expected has been prompt to render it.

The historian in another connection has expressed his especial obligation to Carl E. Knight and William M. Knowlton for assistance in the preparation of the chapters upon the Legal, Masonic, and Odd Fellow fraternities.

G. A. R.







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## CHAPTER I.

ORIGIN OF THE TOWN—GRANTS OF FARMS ON THE SOUHEGAN—  
CHARTER OF OLD DUNSTABLE—SETTLEMENT OF THE STATE  
LINE—TRACTS OF LAND OUT OF WHICH MILFORD WAS  
FORMED—AMHERST—HOLLIS—MILE SLIP AND DUXBURY  
SCHOOL FARM—CHARTER OF THE TOWN, AMENDMENTS TO  
CHARTER.

Milford was not incorporated until 1794, although settlements in the territory out of which the town was made began as early as 1738. In order to a good understanding of its geographical and civil history, it is necessary to go back two centuries and a half and note the changes in political jurisdiction which have been exercised upon its soil. Within less than forty years from the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, we find the Massachusetts colony granting farms and plantations upon the banks of the Merrimack, Nashua, and Souhegan rivers, to citizens who had distinguished themselves in civil and military affairs. This was done, not only as a reward for services rendered, but also as evidence of its claim to an extended domain.

November 12, 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts, upon petition of the town of Charlestown, granted for the benefit of its schools the tract of land known from that day as the "Charlestown school farm." Jonathan Danforth, a noted surveyor of the day, residing in Billerica, Massachusetts, was entrusted with the duty of locating the grant, and made return of his doings as follows :

"By virtue of an order of the General Court, laid out, for the use of the schools of Charlestown, one thousand acres of land, more or less, in the wilderness, on the western side of Merrimack River, at a place commonly called by the Indians Sow-

heaganucke, beginning at the foot of a great hill, and so extending eastward about two miles down the said river, and bounded with the river north, and by land laid out for Mrs. Anna Cole on the east, the wilderness elsewhere surrounded, according to marked trees, all which are sufficiently bounded with C, and is more fully demonstrated by a plat taken of the same.

By JONATHAN DANFORTH, *Surveyor*."

This farm comprised the fine tract of land lying on the south side of the river between the west line of the homestead of Matthias F. Crosby and the bridge near Jones's Corner, and with an average width of three fourths of a mile. The town of Charlestown fortified its title by a deed from certain Indian chiefs which is recorded in the records of Middlesex county, Massachusetts, book 10, page 425.

The town of Charlestown held this grant without income until the year 1743, when it was purchased by Benjamin Hopkins of Billerica, Mass. The price paid was £375. Another grant of five hundred acres was made the same day to Mrs. Anna Cole, before that time the wife of one Robert Keayne, a prominent citizen of Boston, Mass., who had made substantial gifts to Harvard college and other educational and charitable institutions. This grant was bounded on the west by the Charlestown school farm, and extended easterly down the river as far as the stone dam of the Souhegan Manufacturing company near the manufactory of Howard, French & Heald. The width of the grant was some two hundred and twenty rods and was bounded on the north by the river its entire length.

Still another farm of five hundred acres was granted the same day to Anna Lane, a grand-daughter of Robert Keayne, some two hundred rods below the Cole farm. This grant was two hundred and eighty rods in length and on both sides of the river—two hundred acres on the north and three hundred on the south. Between these farms there was a tract containing some two hundred acres which was never granted as a farm; but after the grant of old Dunstable, Jonathan Blanchard became the owner of the tract with other adjoining land to the extent of about nine hundred acres. Below the Lane farm, on the same day, a fourth grant was made to Captain William Davis of Boston, and Captain Isaiah Johnson of Roxbury, of five hundred acres,

lying on both sides of the river. A fifth grant was made of seven hundred acres adjoining the fourth, and on both sides of the river, to John Wilson, who, as the record says, had been disappointed in the laying out of a grant to him some twenty years before. These several grants up and down the river, including the Blanchard land, made a tract of unusually fertile land about six miles in length and not much less than one in width. The titles of the present owners have come down unquestioned from the original grantees, having been respected by the Masonian proprietors under their grant from the English crown and by our own state.

Very soon after these Souhegan grants were made, settlements commenced upon Salmon brook, in what is now Nashua, upon grants which had been made at a still earlier date. Naturally these grantees, and those who desired to settle on the farms granted, felt the need of township privileges. In accordance therewith, in 1673 they petitioned the general court and were incorporated, the township being named Dunstable, deriving its name from Dunstable in England, some of the proprietors being from that place.

#### CHARTER OF DUNSTABLE.

The old township of Dunstable, which included the larger part of the present town of Milford, was chartered by the general court of Massachusetts, Oct. 16, 1673, O. S., corresponding to Oct. 27, 1673, N. S. More than one half of Dunstable, as chartered, was in the territory subsequently in dispute between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, but at the date of its charter, and for more than sixty years afterwards, it was supposed to be wholly in Massachusetts, and formed a part of the county of Middlesex. It included within its chartered boundaries the present town of Tyngsborough, the east part of Dunstable, a narrow triangular gore on the north side of Pepperell, and a considerable tract in the northeast corner of Townsend, all still in Massachusetts. In the state of New Hampshire it embraced the towns of Litchfield and Hudson, the southwest part of Londonderry, and the west part of Pelham, on the east side of the Merrimack river; and on the west side of that river



nearly all the present towns of Nashua and Hollis, all of Amherst and Merrimack south of the Souhegan river, and a large part of the towns of Milford and Brookline. The part of Dunstable west of the Merrimack was bounded, north by the Souhegan river, south by Chelmsford and Groton, as previously chartered, and in part by "country land" (land not then in a chartered town), and west by a line running due north from its southwest corner to Dram Cup hill, on the Souhegan, now in the town of Milford. The extreme length of the township from north to south, from the north line of Litchfield to Chelmsford, following the course of the Merrimack, was about seventeen miles; its least length, from the north line of Groton to the nearest point of Souhegan river, not far from ten miles. Its greatest breadth east and west could not have been less than sixteen miles, the whole comprising an area of two hundred square miles, or 128,000 acres.

In 1741, after a protracted controversy the line between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire was established by the king and a survey (claimed by the latter state to be inaccurate) made, locating the present boundary. The result of this decision was not acceptable to the settlers in the old town, who were by this decree transferred from the jurisdiction of Massachusetts to New Hampshire; but there was no appeal, and they soon accommodated themselves to the changed conditions.

Two years before the settlement of the line controversy, a parish was chartered within the limits of this old town, known as the west parish of Dunstable, which existed until the year 1746. These subdivisions of towns existed for the support of religious worship, and had only such powers as were needed to raise money for the erection of meeting-houses and the maintenance of the clergy.

The town of Amherst, which eventually made a large contribution to the territory of Milford, had its origin in a grant of a township to the soldiers and heirs of deceased soldiers who took part in the expedition against Philip, the Indian chief, which resulted in his death and the destruction of the most powerful of the Indian tribes having permanent homes in New England. Each soldier, or the representatives of a soldier, had a share or lot. The township was called Narragansett No. 3; was granted



in 1733, and was bounded on the south by the Souhegan river, its western limit being about two hundred and seventy rods east of the northwest corner of the Charlestown school farm. It was called Narragansett No. 3 or Souhegan West until 1760, when it was incorporated as Amherst.

In 1733 another farm was granted by the general court of Massachusetts to the town of Duxbury to aid in the support of a grammar school, and known from that date to the time of the incorporation of Milford as the Duxbury school farm. It was bounded as follows :

“ Laid out five hundred acres of land to fulfill a grant made by the Great and General Court or Assembly to the Town of Duxbury, March ye 4th 1733 : which bounds southerly on Souhegan river ; east on the uppermost Narragansett Township upon said river. North and west upon the unappropriated lands. It begins at a white oak marked, (with a heap of stones near to it), on the north side of said river ; about one hundred and thirty rods above the upper end of Charlestown School Farm and runs north two hundred rods ; from thence east four hundred rods to said Narragansett Township ; from thence south two hundred and seventeen rods to said Souhegan river and then it runs up along by said river to where it first began.”

The Mile Slip was a tract of ungranted land extending from the Massachusetts line, as established in 1741, to the south line of Lyndeborough as originally granted, bounded on the west by Mason and Wilton, and having a width of something more than a mile.

Old Dunstable was granted to parties called “ The proprietors of Dunstable,” who had corporate privileges and held the lands not before granted within the limits of the town in common. The town was never divided into ranges and lots, but the proprietors from time to time sold or distributed among themselves lots of such size as suited the parties taking them. The proprietors continued to hold meetings and transact business for some time after the dismemberment of the ancient grant.

In addition to the Blanchard farm the proprietors laid out in what is now Milford other large tracts of land. The Hartshorn farm, consisting of five hundred acres, extended from the easterly boundary of the Charlestown school farm along its south line for about three quarters of its length. The Brown lot or farm

lay to the south and west of the Hartshorn farm, and for a short distance was bounded on the north by the Charlestown school farm. This tract contained one thousand acres.

In 1746 the western part of Dunstable in New Hampshire was divided by an easterly and westerly line into two nearly equal parts, and the towns of Hollis and Monson incorporated by the legislature of New Hampshire. Monson was bounded its entire length by the Souhegan river on the north for a distance of nearly seven miles, having for its northwest boundary the northwest corner of Old Dunstable near Dram Cup hill, and a width of some four miles. Hollis had about the same amount of territory directly south of Monson, including the larger part of what is now the town of Brookline.

Monson had a corporate existence of twenty-four years, when it was dismembered in 1770, and one half annexed by an east and west line to Amherst, and the remainder to Hollis.

In 1782 the inhabitants of the southwest part of Amherst, as then constituted, were set off as a parish, for the purpose of maintaining religious worship. In 1792 the parish was regularly incorporated and boundaries established.

In 1794 the town of Milford was incorporated, Amherst making the largest contribution of territory, the Mile Slip the next, Hollis the third, and the Duxbury school farm closing up the lines with its five hundred acres.

Having given some account of the various tracts of land making up the town of Milford in 1794, let us read the charter :

#### “STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1794.

“In the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

“An Act to incorporate the Southwesterly part of Amherst, the northwesterly part of Hollis, the Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm into a town, and to invest the inhabitants thereof with all such privileges and immunities as other towns in this State hold and enjoy.

“WHEREAS, a petition signed by a number of the inhabitants of the southwesterly part of Amherst, the northwesterly part of Hollis, the Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm (so called) has been preferred, setting forth that by an act of incorporation passed by the Legislature of this State, on the first day of June,

in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the southwest part of Amherst aforesaid was, by certain boundaries therein described, made a parish; that the tract of land therein contained is too small for a town; that the inhabitants of the Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm aforesaid are unable to support the Gospel, build bridges and maintain schools; that a number of the inhabitants of the northwesterly part of said Hollis could be better accommodated by being annexed to the southwest parish in Amherst. They, therefore, prayed that they might be incorporated and made a body Politic, with all the Corporate powers and privileges by law vested in other towns. And the inhabitants of the town of Amherst, in legal Town-meeting, having voted their assent to the same;

“*Therefore*, Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Convened, that all the lands and inhabitants within the following limits: viz., Beginning at the southwest corner of the northwest parish in Amherst aforesaid, on Lyndeborough East line, thence running easterly to the northeast corner of Amos Green’s lot, called the Mill lot; thence southerly on a straight line to the southwest corner of lot No. 20; thence easterly on the range line to the northeasterly corner of William Peabody’s land; thence southerly on the range line between John Shepherd, Esq., and William Peabody’s land until it comes to land belonging to the heirs of John Shepherd, late of said Amherst, deceased; thence easterly to the northeast corner of the same, joining to land of the same John Shepherd, Esq.; thence southerly, by land of John Shepherd, Esq., aforesaid, on the range line to Souhegan River; thence down the middle of said River till it strike land owned by Benjamin and Stephen Kindrick; thence southerly by said Kindrick land to the road leading from David Danforth’s to the town of Wilton; thence crossing the same and running a south point to Hollis Line, being near David Dunklee house, and then to the northeast corner of the land lately laid off from the said Hollis by their committee appointed for the above purpose; thence running south about twelve degrees east so as to strike the northeast corner of John Stearns’ land, it being the northwest corner of Robert Colburn’s land; thence on the same course until it comes to the southeast corner of said Stearns’ land; thence westerly, by said Stearns’ and William Haley land, until it comes to the northwest corner of said Haley land, thence westerly to the northeast corner of Mr. Gould’s land, and so on westerly, by said Gould and David Danforth’s land, to said Gould’s northwest corner; thence turning southerly to the southeast corner of Robert Darrah’s land; thence west fifteen degrees south until it comes to Raby east line; thence northerly on said Raby east line until it comes to the south line of said Amherst; thence

northerly on the north line of said Raby to the southwest corner of Amherst; thence southerly by the west line of Raby to the southeast corner of the Mile Slip; thence westerly to the southwest corner thereof; thence northerly on east line of Mason & Wilton to the northwest corner of the Mile Slip; thence easterly on the south line of Lyndeborough to the southeast corner thereof; thence northerly by the east line of Lyndeborough to the bound first mentioned, Be, and the same are hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Milford; and the inhabitants who reside and shall hereafter reside within the before-mentioned boundaries are made and constituted a body politic and corporate, and invested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities which towns in this State by law are entitled to enjoy; to remain a distinct town and have continuance and succession for ever. And be it further enacted that Augustus Blanchard, Esquire, be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered to call a meeting of said inhabitants for the purpose of choosing all necessary Town Officers; and shall preside therein until a Moderator shall be chosen to govern said meeting, which shall be warned by posting up notice thereof at the Meeting-House in said Milford, fourteen days prior to the day of holding the same, and the annual meetings for the choice of Town Officers shall be holden on the first Tuesday of March annually.

“Provided always that nothing in this act contained shall, in any wise, release the inhabitants of the said Southwest Parish in Amherst (part of said Milford) from paying their proportion of all debts now due from the town of Amherst, or their proportion of the support of the Present Poor of said Town and Parish, or any taxes now assessed on them as inhabitants of the said Town of Amherst; but the same may be levied and collected from the inhabitants of the said Southwest Parish (now a part of Milford aforesaid) in the same way and manner as if this act had not been passed; and the present inhabitants of the said northwesterly part of said town of Hollis shall be liable to pay all taxes heretofore assessed on them as inhabitants of the town of Hollis, in the same way and manner as if this act had not been passed.

“In Senate, January 11, 1794. This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted; sent down for concurrence.

“ABIEL FOSTER, President of the Senate.

“In the House of Representatives, the same day, the foregoing bill, having had a third reading, was enacted.

“NATHANIEL PEABODY, Speaker.

“Approved 11th January, 1794.

“JOSIAH BARTLETT, Gov.”



Two additions to the limits of the town have been made since its incorporation. The first in 1842, of a tract taken from Amherst, bounded and described as follows :

“ Commencing at a stone monument standing on the bank of Souhegan river on the dividing line between Amherst and Milford ; thence north on said dividing line 128 rods to a stone monument ; thence south  $69^{\circ}$  east 165 rods to a stake and stones on land of Daniel Holt, thence south  $3^{\circ}$  east 218 rods to a white oak tree on the bank of Souhegan river ; thence by said river to the bound first mentioned.”

The second in 1873, a small tract taken from Lyndeborough, described as follows :

“ Beginning at a stake and stones, on the town line between Milford and Lyndeboro', on the north side of the highway leading from Milford to Lyndeboro', thence running westerly by said north side of the highway about forty rods, thence southerly three rods to the south side of the highway, thence westerly by said south side of the highway thirteen rods to a stake and stones, thence southerly as the fence runs to the town line thirty-one and one fourth rods, thence easterly by said town line to the bound first mentioned.”

So well has the town guarded its domain, that no portion of its territory has been surrendered to the demands of ambitious neighbors.

From what has been said, it appears that all our territory south of the river (except the Mile Slip) was known as Dunstable prior to the year 1746 ; from that year until 1770 as Monson ; from 1770 to 1794 as Amherst, and all upon the north side of the river prior to 1794, as Narragansit No. 3, Souhegan West, or Amherst, with the exception of a small part of the Mile Slip and the five hundred acres known as the Duxbury school farm.

## CHAPTER II.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME—AREA OF THE TOWN—POPULATION—VALUATION—LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES—THE SOUHEGAN—GRANITE QUARRIES—HILLS AND INTERVALS—SCENERY—FOREST TREES—PRODUCTS OF THE SOIL.

Before the coming of the white man there were several ford-ways by which the Indians crossed the Souhegan on foot; one much used was located at the foot of the falls below the factory of Morse, Kaley & Co. Parties using this ford as they were travelling in a northeasterly direction entered the shallow water near what is now the western terminus of the foot bridge, and came out upon the river bank near the shop of the late S. D. Knowlton. The building of the stone dam of the Souhegan Manufacturing company has caused the water to flow back and cover the old shallow ford-way to such a degree that it is not now easy to conceive of this place as a passageway through which the red man for generations, and the white man afterwards, crossed the river whenever the water was not unusually high. After the building of Shepherd's mills upon these falls in 1741, this ford was known as the Mill ford by way of distinction. At the date of the incorporation of the town the settlement in the vicinity had been for half a century known as the Mill-Ford village. Hence the name of the town.

The town of Milford contains an area of about fifteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty acres. By the census of 1890, it has a population of 3,009, and by the town assessment of 1892, a valuation of \$1,771,943. It is distant fifty miles from Boston, thirty from Concord, and its southern limit is but five miles from the Massachusetts line. It is bounded on the north by Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, and Amherst; on the east by Amherst and Hollis; on the south by Hollis and Brookline; on the west by Mason and Wilton.

There are extensive granite quarries in many parts of the







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town, and abundant evidence of the action of the elements in earlier geological periods. There are no natural ponds and no hills of any considerable height. The Souhegan river (called by the Indians Souheganack, or crooked) coursing through the town from west to east, divides it into two unequal parts, about one fourth of the territory being upon the north and three fourths upon the south. The Souhegan has its source in the town of Ashburnham, Mass., flows into the state in the town of New Ipswich, passing through Greenville and Wilton on its way to Milford, turning many wheels, and contributing much to the prosperity of the communities through which it passes. Four brooks of considerable size reinforce its waters within the limits of the town—two on the north and the same number upon the south. Upon these smaller streams, at twelve different places have been located saw and other mills; but now little is done in the business of manufacturing lumber or grinding grain; only two or three mills are now in use, the remainder are in ruins.

Upon either side of the river extensive and fertile tracts of intervale are found, which are annually overflowed and enriched by the muddy deposit which is left after the subsidence of the waters. The watershed is so abrupt and near that the valley is subject to sudden freshets, which would often be disastrous were it not for the existence of these extensive tracts of comparatively level land adjoining the banks of the river above the village. It has often happened that the river, after heavy rains and without any impediment of ice, has expanded to the width of three fourths of a mile. Several times during the past century the water has been two feet deep in the highway near the brick mansion house of the late Joseph Tucker.

Although there are no mountains or considerable hills in the town, the traveller, as he passes into the limits of Milford from the east and journeys westward upon the banks of our beautiful stream, enters upon a scene of unusual attractiveness. The valley itself, from the east line of the town to the west, furnishes a drive of six miles through a succession of farms only surpassed in New Hampshire by the valley of the Connecticut, and all along the line the mountains of Temple, Peterborough, Lyndeborough, and Francestown are in view, with the lesser hills of Mont Vernon to the east. At several points the lofty summit

of grand Monadnock can be seen. Other sections of our state furnish grander views, but this is one not too extensive to be appropriated, and lingers long in the memory of all lovers of natural scenery, whether the journey is made in June or December.

Most of the varieties of forest trees common in southern New Hampshire abound in Milford. The primeval growth was largely white pine, white oak, hemlock, chestnut, maple, birch, and beech. All these trees are still found, but those monarchs of the woods, white pines with trunks four feet in diameter—extending upward one hundred feet and more, which formerly graced the soil, have disappeared and the number of acres now supporting a heavy growth of wood and timber is not large.

In the early history of the town, land was cleared for tillage and pasturage, and more recently for the profit that came from the sale of lumber. Large tracts of land once under cultivation have been surrendered to the growth of wood and timber, and the number of acres in town now under the plow and in use for pasture is much less than it was fifty years ago. The flow of water in the Souhegan has gradually diminished as the trees and brush have been cut upon its banks. But from the present outlook the time will come when the earlier order of things will be in some part restored and we may expect the old-time amount of water in our beautiful Souheganack.

Indian corn (now an important crop), oats, and rye were formerly raised in large quantities, and barley to a limited amount, but the cultivation of wheat has never prevailed to any considerable extent. At one time Milford was noted for the amount of hops raised within its borders, leading all towns in the state in this product. (Of this industry something will be said in another connection.)

Apples have always been produced in large quantities, a safe and profitable line of investment for the farmer. Of late the foreign demand has been large and prices well sustained. Half a century ago peaches were grown upon most farms to a limited extent, but now are rarely seen. Plums and the smaller fruits are found in abundance for home consumption. For the past thirty years our farmers have generally turned their attention to the production of milk for the Boston market. As pas-

turage has diminished in acreage and quality, the grass crop, always important, has become the great care of the farmer. The large amount of grain brought from the west and consumed upon our farms in addition to all produced at home, with some use of commercial fertilizers, has had a beneficial effect upon our soil, and Milford farmers to-day share the prosperity of the town in common with manufacturers, merchants, and professional men.



### CHAPTER III.

MONSON, 1746 TO 1770—FIRST SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF MILFORD—THOMAS NEVINS THE FIRST SETTLER—FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR—PETITION FOR SCOUTS—GARRISON HOUSES—MEETING-HOUSE LOCATION—SCHOOLS—FIRST TAX-LIST—TOWN OFFICERS—MILITARY ORDERS ISSUED IN TOWN—DISMEMBERMENT OF THE TOWN—TAXPAYERS IN 1770.

As two thirds of the territory of our town was for nearly a generation known as Monson, it seems fitting that some space be devoted to the history of this ancient and extinct municipal organization, which had an area of about 20,000 acres. Its situation upon the southerly side of the Souhegan river, by which it was bounded on the north, as the stream runs, for a distance of eight miles, from what is now South Merrimack to Jones's corner, with a width of four miles, taking in a broad area of intervals and very much good upland, was not excelled by any in this section of the state. It had been for many years a part of old Dunstable, and eight years before the town of Monson was incorporated, or in 1738, Thomas Nevins, from Bedford, Mass., located at a point afterwards known as Monson Centre, about one mile southeast of the residence of Moses F. Foster, and some fifty rods north of the boundary line between Milford and Hollis. The remains of the cellar are visible. He married Bridget Snow of Nottingham, in January, 1745, had two children, Bridget, born December 21, 1746, and Thomas, born May 25, 1748; was one of the selectmen of Monson in 1759, and held other town offices. The annual town meetings of Monson were held at his house for several years. Mr. Nevins was in the military service in 1758, and was fourth sergeant in Company 6, commanded by Nehemiah Lovewell of Dunstable in Col. John Hart's regiment raised for the defence of Crown Point. He moved to the east part of the town a short time



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prior to its dismemberment, and soon after to the West, where his descendants are said to be numerous. Thomas Nevins was the first white man to erect a human habitation within the limits of the present town of Milford, and was the first settler in old Monson. William Nevins, his brother, removed soon after from Newton, Mass., and built his cabin a few rods southwest of the first settlement. The cellar hole is still visible very near but north of the Hollis line. His name appears on the first tax-list of West Dunstable parish in 1740. He had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters; was prominent in town affairs, serving as moderator and selectman many years. About the year 1754, he moved to the east part of the town of Monson, to the farm recently known as the Maj. James Wheeler estate, having bought it of Thomas Wooley, the first settler. On the division of Monson, Mr. Nevins became a citizen of Hollis, filling with credit many positions of responsibility. He died February 15, 1785. His name is held in grateful remembrance as the father of five sons, all of whom were soldiers in the War of the Revolution. Phineas fell at the battle of Bunker Hill. William, Jr., a lieutenant, was taken prisoner at the battle of White Plains and soon after died. John returned from Bennington as far as Charlestown, N. H., dropped out of his company (presumably on account of wounds), and was never after heard from. Joseph and Benjamin survived the vicissitudes of the war.

Other settlers joined Thomas and William Nevins at their clearing, among them, Dr. John Brown, who came from Salem, Mass., to West Dunstable, as early as 1742. He married, October 9, 1744, Kezia Wheeler, and was the first resident physician practising his profession within the present limits of Milford. In 1760 he removed to Plymouth, N. H., where he passed the remainder of his life. Benjamin Hopkins, John Burns, Thomas Murdow, James Wheeler, William Colburn, Jonathan Taylor, Samuel Leman, Isaac Farwell, Stephen Haselton, Robert Colburn, and Abraham Leman were located in different parts of the town prior to its incorporation. Nathan Hutchinson, Elisha Towne, and Josiah Crosby became residents not long afterwards.

For a few years it seemed that the business of the new town

would be done at the Nevins settlement. When, however, the inhabitants began to look about for a location for a meeting-house they found that this spot was a mile south of the middle of the town north and south, although at the correct place, so far as an east and west line was concerned. This made it clear that the meeting-house common must be at some other point, and Monson Centre from that time received no new settlers and soon began to lose those already there.

Governor Wentworth gave the town its name in honor of one of the board of the lords of colonial trade, whose family name was Monson.

The number of families in town at the time of organization was not more than fifteen. The first meeting of the voters was held at the house of Thomas Nevins on the first day of May, 1746, and a board of selectmen and other town officers chosen. Benjamin Hopkins, who had settled upon the Charlestown school farm the year before, was first selectman, Robert Colburn second, and William Nevins third. At a meeting, May 27, it was voted to build a pound near the house of William Nevins on the most convenient piece of ground. This structure, the location of which is still pointed out, was the only building of any kind erected by the town during its existence.

At this time the French and Indian War (begun in 1744) was raging, and Monson and Souhegan West were frontier towns exposed to Indian assaults at any time, and on the 13th day of May, 1747, the inhabitants of the town presented to our general court the following petition, which explains the situation in which these pioneers found themselves :

“ The petition of the inhabitants of the town of Monson hereto subscribers humbly sheweth, that the said town is lately begun to settle, and but about fifteen families there ; that they are one of the frontier towns west of Merrimack river, and the most northerly one already incorporated lying between Hollis and the new plantation called Souhegan West ; that could we be assisted by soldiers, such competent number as might enable us to defend ourselves, shall cheerfully endeavor to stay there, by which we shall serve as a barrier in part of Hollis, Merrimack, and Dunstable ; that the last year we were favored by soldiers from Massachusetts that prevented our drawing off ; that should the war be pursued by the enemy as vigorously as last year (unless

we are favored by some assistance from the government), we humbly apprehend it would be too great presumption to venture ourselves and families there; that it will be very ruinous to your petitioners to leave their settlements and the frontier widened, and for a necessary defence will require a greater number of soldiers than to assist us there. Wherefore your petitioners pray that a guard for two garrisons and a small scout on our front may be granted to us. [Signed] James Wheeler, William Nevens, William Colburn, Robert Colburn, Jonathan Taylor, Samuel Leman, Samuel Leman, Jr., Abraham Leman, Thomas Nevins, Benjamin Hopkins, Isaac Farwell, Stephen Haselton, John Burns, Thomas Murdow."

Souhegan West joined in asking aid as follows :

"The petition of us, the subscribers, inhabitants of the new plantation called Souhegan West, humbly sheweth that there is settled and now remains in this plantation thirty-five families, in which is about fifty-eight men upwards of sixteen years old. That when we began our settlement, we apprehended no danger of our ever being a frontier, there being at that time so many above us begun and obliged to fulfil the conditions of the Massachusetts grants, which occasioned us to settle scattering, only regarding the advantages of good and compact farms. That the difficulty of war happening so early on our settlements, and the defenceless condition they were in, has obliged them all, viz. : Peterborough, Salem-Canada (Lyndeboro'), New Boston, and Hillsborough (so called) entirely to draw off, as well as the forts on Connecticut river left naked. Whereby we are now left as much exposed as any of the frontiers on Merrimack river. That the first year of the present war we were favored with a scout from this province (which we thankfully acknowledged) and Salem-Canada (Lyndeboro') with another, which was equally serviceable to us. Since that time both Salem-Canada and this place has had a guard from Massachusetts till the winter passed, together with our inhabitants keeping a constant scout (though much impoverished thereby). That this encouragement has occasioned our venturing here till now. That as we are now left without either scout or guard, apprehend we are in imminent danger, yet loath to yield ourselves such an easy prey to our enemies or suffer ruin by leaving our improvements waste, whereof we have no reason to think but must unavoidably be our lot, unless this government compassionately grants us protection. [Signed] John Shepard, William Peabody, William Bradford, Israel Towne, and nineteen others."

No words of the historian can render more vivid the picture

of life in the Souhegan valley in the year 1747, than can be gathered from these pathetic appeals.

The assembly gave orders for enlisting or impressing fifteen good effective men, under proper officers, to scout and guard Souhegan West and Monson till the "twenty-third day of October next if need be," and also made provision that said men be shifted once a month. These garrisons, or garrison houses, were made of logs and were resorted to by the inhabitants upon any intimation of danger. One of these garrisons was located on the farm of William Peabody, upon the north bank of the river in Souhegan West, and the well used in connection with it can now be seen. To this garrison the early settlers of Wilton and Lyndeborough often fled. It was built as early as 1741. The log hut built by William Colburn in the easterly part of Monson, not far north of Long pond, was used as a garrison house in 1747.

Although the Indians passed up and down the valley of the Souhegan upon fishing and hunting excursions, and often crossed our territory upon warlike expeditions, there is no evidence that any white person suffered death at their hands in this or any adjoining town. Wild beasts of every kind, common to this latitude, were abundant. Bears, wolves, and deer were frequently met, and occasionally a huge moose came this way. When Benjamin Hopkins left his bullet-proof dwelling on the intervale, a little north of the house of the late Luke Smith, to attend the first town meeting at the house of Thomas Nevins he undoubtedly went well armed, and was all the way on the look-out against a possible attack by man or beast.

Such were the conditions surrounding the first settlers of this neighborhood. Their food, if substantial, was of the coarsest kind, and in all respects they were in close contact with everything which tended to try their courage and develop their characters.

In 1748, Dunstable, Merrimack, Hollis, Nottingham, and Monson united in the choice of a representative to the general assembly, the session to be holden at Portsmouth on the third day of the next January. In 1749, Benjamin Kendrick from Newton, Mass., settled upon what is now the Amherst poor-farm. The next year he married Sarah Harris, of Hollis. Their



youngest daughter, Anna, born October 30, 1768, married Governor Benjamin Pierce, of Hillsborough, February 1, 1790. They were the parents of Franklin Pierce. It can therefore be claimed for Monson that among her daughters there was the mother of a president of the United States. The first highway established in town was the road leading from a point near Lyon's bridge (at Danforth's corner), through what is now Milford village, to the west line of the town at Dram Cup hill (so called), at Jones's corner. This was done in 1749, and, with some alterations made afterwards, particularly in 1795, is the thoroughfare now in use as part of the route between Wilton and Nashua.

The charter of Monson and other towns incorporated at this time by New Hampshire, unlike those granted by the general court of Massachusetts, were wholly silent in respect to the "settlement and maintenance of able and orthodox ministers," and the building of meeting-houses. Benning Wentworth, at that time the royal governor of New Hampshire, was a zealous adherent of the Church of England, and it may well be supposed that he had no special sympathy with the current orthodoxy of the times, as taught in the Cambridge Platform and the Assembly's Catechism.

Instead of the like conditions as in the Massachusetts charters, in respect to orthodox ministers and meeting-houses, Governor Wentworth in these New Hampshire charters expressly reserved, for the use of the royal navy, all suitable white-pine trees then growing and being, and which should afterwards grow, in the towns so chartered, thus giving for the use of His Majesty's navy all such trees as were best fitted for building purposes.

The general laws of the province did not provide for the taxing of non-resident lands for the purpose of building meeting-houses and supplying preaching, and it was understood at that time that no such power resided in the towns, unless authorized by special act of the legislature. The town of Hollis, in 1746, passed the following vote: We quote its quaint phraseology.

"*Voted*, To raise two pence per acre on all the land in Hollis for five years for the support of the Gospel and the arising charges of said Town, and to petition the General Court for strength to gather and get the money of non-residents."



We therefore understand that when the inhabitants of Monson at the annual meeting in May, 1749, voted upon the following article in the warrant:—"To see if the town will agree to tax the lands within the whole township for the use of preaching," it was equivalent to acting upon a proposition to ask the legislature for leave to levy such a tax. In fact, at a later day, the matter was put before the voters in the form of a proposition to raise a committee to ask the legislature for authority to levy such a tax.

Several attempts were made at different times to fix upon a location for a meeting-house. In 1758 the town went so far as to vote to build a house and set it in the most convenient place near the centre of the town. Tradition points to a locality on the northerly slope of Federal hill as the place fixed upon, and it still retains the name of the "meeting-house lot." This piece of land, of sufficient size for an ample common, was cleared by the early settlers, and until a comparatively recent day has been nearly destitute of any growth of wood and lumber. The spot is a little north of the residence of Moses F. Foster, and is very near the geographical centre of the old town. This was the nearest approach to the building of a meeting-house that the Monson people made, and there is nothing to indicate that any sermon other than a funeral discourse was ever preached in town.

At the annual meeting in 1764 it was voted to raise a certain sum of money "in order to make satisfaction to the towns of Amherst and Hollis for the privilege of worshipping with them." But—must it be told—three years after, the town, having deliberated upon the matters, voted that the money should not be collected. All attempts to raise money for religious purposes seem to have failed, although efforts upon the part of a minority were renewed from time to time, during the life of the town.

Before we pass harsh judgment on our ancestors, whom we cannot believe to have been unusually graceless men, we must at least remember what has been said as to the state of the laws as to taxation, and that the non-resident land-owners were generally prominent men who could make it difficult to obtain necessary legislation when they chose so to do, and that very much of the best land in town was in their hands.

By a colonial law of New Hampshire, passed in 1719, and remaining in force without any important change till after the Revolution, it was enacted "that each town in the province having the number of fifty householders shall be constantly provided of a schoolmaster to teach children to read and write, and when any town has one hundred families or householders, there shall also be a grammar school set up and kept. . . . And some discreet person of good conversation, well instructed in the *tongues*, shall be procured to be master thereof. . . . Every such schoolmaster to be suitably encouraged and paid by the inhabitants. . . . And the selectmen of towns are hereby empowered to agree with such schoolmasters for salary, and to raise money by way of rate upon the inhabitants to pay the same."

The above law was unlike the school laws in force during the present century in many important particulars.

1. It provided for a single school only, for teaching children to read and write, in towns having fifty families and less than one hundred; and for a grammar school, in which the "*tongues*" or dead languages were to be taught, in towns having one hundred families or more.

2. It was wholly silent as to school-houses, school-districts, and school committees.

3. It contemplated the employment of *male* teachers only.

4. The hiring of "school masters"—the whole management of the schools and the "raising of money by way of rates"—was entrusted wholly to the selectmen.

5. It required, in its terms, both the school for teaching reading and writing, and also that for teaching the "*tongues*," to be kept "constantly."

The town of Monson did not have, until near the close of its corporate existence, householders in sufficient number to compel the employment of a school-master at public expense, and we are not surprised to find that no money was ever appropriated for school purposes. There may have been teachers who were paid by subscription or by tuition—probably there were—but of this we have no intimation in the records.

For the first seven years of its history no taxes were levied for any purpose, but in 1753 the state called upon the town for

a double assessment, one for general purposes and the other to meet the expenses of scouting and garrisoning the most exposed parts of the state. These calls were the occasion of the following petition :

Whereas the inhabitants of Monson have received a late order to render to the office of secretary of state an invoice of their polls and estates in order for apportioning the taxes, which we have done, and would further beg leave to remonstrate our infancy and inability to bear any part of the public burden at present ; that there is but thirty-six polls in the whole, several of them being transiently hired to labor for a short space of time ; that there are but twenty-one houses, chiefly small cottages, only for a present shelter, the charge of building yet to come ; that the householders are all plain men, dwelling in tents, husbanding their employments, their improvements very small, their lands unsubdued, their progress much retarded by their necessity to work out of town during the prime of the year, or at other business to procure provisions, and, though the town is a part of old Dunstable, it has till now been a portion and remained a total wilderness ; that till within a few years the owners were under no obligation to settle the lands that were very recently granted to gentlemen in farms, by which means the few settlers are scattered all about the town, and that much labor has and must be spent in opening and making roads, bridges, etc., that are of present necessity a burden too heavy for the small, weak number that is there ; that in the late war they were at the expense of garrisoning, scouting, and defending themselves, besides many other charges they must have and must go through ; so therefore apprehend themselves utterly unable to bear any part of the public taxes as yet ; but hope their small beginning in time may become useful, if they may be nursed and favored now in their infancy. Wherefore your petitioners pray that they may be considered in their infant and chargeable state, and that they may not be taxed till they are of ability to go through their own necessary charge, and when that shall be, they will cheerfully contribute according to their power.

The state was in such need of money that it could not heed the prayer of the people, and the selectmen were obliged to assess and did assess the tax on the 30th day of October. There were two assessments. The second and smaller one was payable in money or certain articles of personal property at a fixed price.

The following is a list of the taxpayers in Monson in 1753 :

Benjamin Hopkins,	Thomas Powers,
Benjamin Farley,	Ebenezer Ball,
William Colburn,	Nathan Hutchinson,
Isaac Farwell,	Robert Murdough,
Samuel Murdough,	Benjamin Hopkins, Jr.,
John Burns,	John Martain, Jr.,
John Martin,	James Wheeler, Jr.,
Samuel Stearns,	Thomas Wooley,
James Wheeler,	William Colburn, Jr.,
Elisha Towne,	Jabez Richardson,
William Nevins,	Josiah Crossbee,
Thomas Nevins,	Thomas Murdough,
Robert Colburn,	Robert Parker,
Benjamin Herrick,	Samuel Stearns, Jr.,
Zachariah Shattuck,	Benjamin Manning,
Jonathan Taylor,	Abraham Leemon.
John Brown,	

Caleb Jones, Israel Towne, and Stephen Harris were assessed as non-residents.

The highways in town were without exception laid out over paths already trod, and no land damages seem to have been paid. John Shepherd had built a bridge across the Souhegan at the point where the stone bridge now stands, for the accommodation of the patrons of his mill, and in 1758 the town of Monson repaid Mr. Shepherd some portion of the expense, and became the owner of the south half. Ten years later the selectmen laid out two highways, or streets, from the middle of the bridge to the then existing highway through the town, one passing east of Union square and the other to the west. The bridge was an inexpensive structure, and the amount paid Shepherd small, but it was the largest item of expense to which the town was subjected during its existence.

The annual and special meetings of the town were made interesting by the discussions of the meeting-house location, the ministerial tax, the proposition to have a school, and the still more serious question of the dismemberment of the town. The meetings at first were held at the "middle of the town," but for the last ten years at the house of Archelans Towne at what is known as Danforth's Corner. The town had its constable to warn town meetings and collect taxes. Field-drivers, whose



business it was to look after strayed cattle, were annually chosen.

Deer Reeves—Great care was taken to protect deer, and severe penalties visited upon those who violated the law and slaughtered these animals at unlawful seasons.

Hog Reeves—By a law of the province passed in 1719, swine were not permitted to run at large, between the first day of April and the first day of October, without being yoked and ringed in the way described in the law, and two persons were required to be chosen at the yearly town meeting to enforce the act. The "regulation" hog yoke was to be of wood, to be in length equal to the depth of the swine's neck above the neck, and half as long below. The ring was to be of strong flexible iron wire, inserted in the top of the nose to prevent rooting, the ends of the wire being so twisted together as to project one inch above the nose. By the custom of the town, all the young men of Monson married within the year next preceding the annual elections were chosen to this responsible office.

The town had no occasion to elect titling-men, whose principal duty it was to attend church upon Sunday and keep order, and none were ever chosen.

By early acts of the province, towns were authorized to maintain houses of correction, stocks, and whipping-posts, and such institutions were established in Amherst, Hollis, and other towns in the vicinity; but Monson people seem never to have troubled themselves about such matters, and managed to get along without them. They had, however, a reasonable apprehension of their liability to support poor persons found in town, and often availed themselves of the law by which a town could warn a person to leave its borders within a prescribed time, and having done so, be forever discharged from liability to aid the man, woman, or child, as the case might be. The town records throughout the state show these notices in large numbers. It was the custom to warn without any examination of the facts of particular cases, as no one was expected to obey the mandate.

The year 1760 was memorable in the history of Monson. For the campaign of that year against Canada, New Hampshire furnished a regiment under command of Col. John Goffe of

Derryfield (now Manchester). The regiment comprised eight companies, ranging from 30 to 114 men each, and had, of officers and men, 769, all told. The regiment had its rendezvous at Litchfield, where it paraded for the first time, May 25, 1760. It was to march across the country to "No. 4" (now Charlestown), and thence to Crown Point. The regiment commenced its march *via* Monson on the 27th of May, but owing to a severe storm a portion of the companies was detained until the next day. The regiment crossed the Merrimack by ferry, and passed up the Souhegan. At Monson the following orders were issued by Col. Goffe :

Monson, May y<sup>e</sup> 29th 1760.

Ordered : That there be immediately detached out of the N. H. reg<sup>t</sup> one cap<sup>t</sup> two lieuts, one ensign and 150 privates to receive 150 axes and get them sharp and fit for service to clear the road to Peterboro.

Monson 29th May.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Tilton.—You are forthwith to march from this place with the party under your command, consisting of one ensign and 70 men with the tools you have received and repair the road from here to No. 2 [now Wilton], where you are to remain till further orders. Observe and keep your tools fit for service.

Monson 29th May 1760.

L<sup>t</sup> Gerrish: You are to receive 35 wood axes of the quartermaster and get y<sup>m</sup> sharpened at this place and then immediately to march and assist Cap<sup>t</sup> Tilton in his clearing the road to Peterboro.

Monson 29th May 1760.

The whole reg<sup>t</sup> march immediately.

This road was cut up the north branch of the Souhegan—through what is now Temple, and across the mountain to Peterborough, probably very nearly as the road is now travelled.

The same year it was voted "to petition the governor and council of the province to set off or annex the land on the south side of Monson to Hollis, and to annex such part of Souhegan West to the remainder of Monson as will be sufficient to maintain the gospel, and other charges incident to towns." This proposition would have made a town of nearly the proportion of the present town of Milford, and was in all respects reasonable, but Souhegan West was unwilling to part with valu-



able territory and the authorities were persuaded that the public good did not demand the rearrangement of these lines. The lack of public spirit seems to have extended to almost every proposition, for we find that in 1764 the town dismissed an article in the warrant to "provide one or more burial places." At the same meeting there was, however, a little show of spirit and an article in the warrant "to see if the town would be at the charge of making another road where Mr. Benjamin Hopkins has flowed the town road, or take a course of law with him for damages." Upon this article the town voted to take a course of law, and appointed the selectmen to prosecute the suit. But we do not find any record of continued proceedings against Benjamin, and from what has come down to us of the character and influence of the Governor, as he was familiarly called, we opine that he in some way satisfied his towns-people without great inconvenience to himself. The flowage was occasioned by a dam he had built, for a mill, on the brook south of the Joseph Tucker place.

The attempt to rearrange town lines, preserving the name of Monson, so that the town should have good outlines, with its geographical centre at or near Shepherd's mills and what is now Milford village, having failed, the inhabitants of the old town sank into a condition of indifference as to boundaries, from which they were aroused by the renewal, in 1770, of a proposition, before that time made, to divide the town by an east and west line between Amherst and Hollis. In that year the old town voted, no one dissenting, to have the town divided and the following portion annexed to Amherst, to wit: "Beginning at the northeast corner of the town on Souhegan river; thence south by the Merrimack line two miles; thence due west to the west line of the town; thence northerly by the town line to the Souhegan river; thence down said river to the bound first mentioned; and the remainder of the town to Hollis." The course of the river is such that Amherst received by far the larger half of the divided territory.

The petition to the state authorities contained the following statement of reasons for the division: "That the land in and about the center of Monson is so very poor, broken, barren, and uneven, as cannot admit of many settlers, so that those

families that are in town, are almost all planted in the extreme parts of it. . . . We have no prospect of ever building a meeting-house in the center or elsewhere, anyways to accommodate us, by which difficulties we think the gospel will not be settled among us while in the present situation. We therefore pray," etc.

Thus was dismembered, after a corporate existence of twenty-four years, a town rich in its broad intervalles and in its uplands, covered with a magnificent growth of pine, oak, chestnut, hemlock, and maple; and for no other or better reason than the fact that the exact centre of the town was not the most suitable place upon which to build a meeting-house.

The following is a list of the taxpayers in Monson in 1770, the year the town became extinct:

John Burns,	Stephen Harris.
John Burnham,	Moses Hadley,
George Burns,	Nathan Hutchinson,
Thomas Burns,	Samuel Hutchinson,
Daniel Bayle,	Isaac How,
Robert Colburn,	Isaac How, Jr.,
Robert Colburn, Jr.,	Caleb Jones,
William Colburn,	Benjamin Kendrick,
Josiah Crosby,	Daniel Kendrick,
Jonathan Dutton,	Josiah Kidder,
Jonathan Danforth,	Josiah Kidder, Jr.,
David Duncklee,	Abram Leman,
Thomas Emerson,	Samuel Leman,
William French,	Thomson Maxwell,
Joseph French,	William Nevins,
Nehemiah French,	Thomas Nevins,
Levi Flecher,	Thomas Nevins, Jr.,
Olevir Flecher,	Josiah Parker,
James Gilmore,	Thomas Powers,
Joseph Gould,	Isaac Powers,
Benjamin Hopkins,	Adam Patterson,
Benj. Hopkins, Jr.,	Jonathan Lund,
Ebenezer Hopkins,	Joseph Stearns,
Samuel Hayden,	Ebenezer Stearns,
John Stearns,	Jonathan Taylor,
Zachariah Shattuck,	William Taylor,
Zachariah Shattuck, Jr.,	William Taylor, Jr.,
John Shepard,	William Walker,
Samuel Spalding,	James Wheeler,
Josiah Sawyer,	Daniel Wheeler,

Elisha Towne,  
Archelaus Towne,  
Gardner Towne,  
Thomas Towne,  
Bartimeus Towne,  
Jonathan Towne,  
Israel Towne,  
Jonathan Grimes,

Thadeus Wheeler,  
David Wallinsford,  
Amos Whittimore,  
Thomas Williams,  
Stephen Williams,  
Nicholas Youngman,  
Ebenezer Youngman,  
Joseph Nevins.

During the corporate existence of the town the following residents were in the military service of the state at different times in campaigns against the French and Indians :

Eben Lyon,  
John Burns, Jr.,  
Sam'l Stearns,  
John Martin,  
James Wheeler,  
Thomas Nevins,

Bunker Farwell,  
Thomas Powers,  
John Martin, Jr.,  
Moses Emerson,  
Timothy Emerson,  
Thompson Maxwell.





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## CHAPTER IV.

PERMANENT SETTLERS—PEABODY, SHEPHERD, HOPKINS, BURNS,  
NATHAN HUTCHINSON, ABNER HUTCHINSON, TOWNE, JONES,  
BRADFORD, CROSBY, WALLACE—ADDITIONS FROM TIME TO  
TIME—CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EARLY SETTLERS—DWELL-  
INGS—MANNER OF LIFE—EMPLOYMENT.

Although a settlement was begun within the limits of Milford upon its extreme southeastern border as early as 1738, it amounted to nothing, so far as the founding of a permanent community was concerned. Only indistinct remains of human habitations are left to mark the spot. The real settlement of the town began when, in 1740, William Peabody from Boxford, Mass., commenced to clear the farm upon the north side of the river, which remained in the family name more than one hundred years. This farm was one of the lots in Narragansett No. 3, and was awarded to his father, Stephen Peabody, on account of the services of his grandfather in King Philip's War.

William Peabody was a descendant of Lieut. Francis Peabody, who came from England in 1635 in the ship *Planter*, and from him have descended most of the families in New England of this name. This pioneer was succeeded upon the farm by his son William, and afterwards by his grandson Stephen—all men of ability and integrity. His son Stephen served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, having acted as adjutant of Col. Reeve's regiment at Bunker Hill; as aide for General Stark at Bennington, and as lieutenant-colonel in command of a battalion sent to Rhode Island in 1778. One of his daughters married Nathan Hutchinson, Jr., another Benjamin Hutchinson. His granddaughter, Hannah, was the wife of Rev. Humphrey Moore. His posterity in Milford and vicinity are numerous, although none of them bear his worthy name.

John Shepherd, a prominent citizen of Concord, Mass., in 1741, induced by an offer on the part of the proprietors of



Souhegan West, settled on the north side of the river, erecting mills upon the present location of Gilson's saw-mill, near the present granite bridge. He built a cabin a little north of the Methodist church, and afterwards a house upon the spot where now stands the residence of Fred J. Kendall, and still later erected a more pretentious dwelling upon the site now occupied by the residence of Henry H. Barber.

The following is a copy of the vote of the proprietors of Souhegan West, passed April 30, 1741 :

*Voted*, That the proprietors will give to Mr. John Shepherd one hundred and twenty acres of land to begin at William Peabody line and run down the river to the bottom of the falls and so wide as to make the one hundred and twenty acres . . . he building a good Grist Mill and a good saw mill on said Souhegan river against the aforesaid land, and to finish them by the last of November next, and keep them in good repair for the use of said proprietors, he giving a bond to our treasurer to comply with the same forthwith, he having the liberty to cut such white oak timber for the mill as he wants and has not of his own.

Mr. Shepherd was an honored citizen of the town and did much to establish business at the Falls, as Milford village was called in those early days. He was succeeded by his son, John Jr., who was also prominent in public affairs, serving as colonel of the state militia and as one of the judges of the inferior court of common pleas for the county of Hillsborough. His granddaughter Sarah married William Crosby, many of whose descendants are at present occupying positions of responsibility in town. Andrew N. Shepherd, of East Milford, is a great-great-grandson of the original settler.

As early as 1745, Benjamin Hopkins, of Billerica, Massachusetts, who had purchased the Charlestown school farm of the town of Charlestown, Mass., in 1743 for three hundred and seventy-five pounds, had established his home upon the eastern part of this most beautiful and fertile tract of land. His dwelling was located on the bank of the brook, about fifty rods north of the residence of the late Luke Smith, and about the same distance from the west line of the farm of the late William Ramsdell. It was built of logs, and was bullet-proof. Mr. Hopkins was forty-four years old when he built this fort-like



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structure, and had a wife and eight children. On the north side of the river lived William Peabody and John Shepherd. On the south he had no neighbors nearer than Thomas and William Nevins, some four or five miles distant. Mr. Hopkins was a man of marked individuality and a controlling spirit among his neighbors. His oldest son married Anna Powers, the first white child born in Hollis. His daughter Deborah married Caleb Jones, one of the early settlers. His descendants have been and are among the influential citizens of the town, and are still in possession of a part of the farm purchased by their ancestor in 1743. Mr. Hopkins died at the advanced age of eighty-six years; his wife at the age of ninety-three. Their remains rest in the old cemetery at Amherst.

John Burns, of Scotch origin, born in 1700, came to America from the north of Ireland in 1736, and settled in the south part of the town soon after Benjamin Hopkins made his home upon the banks of the Souhegan. Mr. Burns was one of the leading men in the town of Monson from its organization in 1746; but from the fact that his name is not to be found on the records of the town of Dunstable or the parish of West Dunstable, I conclude that his residence in town did not commence much before the year 1746, although he had at the time been the owner of his farm for three or four years and had cultivated some portion of it during this time while a resident of Nottingham West. It is said that upon his original location he built the first framed house in town and that the structure is still in existence upon the farm of Eli S. Burns. The remains of the cellar of his original cabin are still visible a few rods east of the buildings on the farm of George W. Dunklee, about one mile and a half south of the town-house on the Brookline road.

Mr. Burns was in the prime of life when he took up his abode in town. He brought with him a numerous family, and was a worthy representative of the Scotch-Irish race upon American soil. His descendants have remained in town in large numbers, contributing their full share to its character and prosperity, the seventh generation now occupying portions of the original purchase of their ancestor.

In 1744, Benjamin Hopkins sold to Nathan Hutchinson of Billerica, Mass., a section of the "Charlestown school farm" of the

width of fifty rods. This farm is now owned by Edwin D. Searles. Mr. Hutchinson established himself upon his farm in 1748, being, at the time, thirty-one years old, and a descendant of Richard Hutchinson who came to America in 1634. Richard was the ancestor of most of his name who have lived in town. (Timothy Hutchinson the ancestor of Royal, Henry, Franklin, Elliott, and John B., did not locate here until 1787.) From the day of his settlement here, until the day of his decease in 1795, Nathan Hutchinson was one of the most active and useful citizens of the town. Upon a map of New Hampshire published in 1784, his name, and that of John Shepherd, appear in connection with the locality in which they resided, indicating, perhaps, their prominence in public estimation. His posterity have been and are numerous and influential in town affairs.

Abner Hutchinson from Salem, Mass., a descendant of the same Richard, but not very nearly related to Nathan, soon after settled upon a farm on the north side of the river, above the Peabody place and near the residence of the late John Bartlett, a man of sterling character and a worthy associate of the men he found as neighbors. Among his descendants now living in town may be named Dea. George F. Bartlett.

Elisha Towne, born in Topsfield, Mass., bought a tract of land, including what is now the East Milford railroad station, in 1748, and not long after built a house about fifty rods north of the crossing. The spot where the buildings stood can be identified by the evidences of the existence of a cellar at some former time. He was a brother of Israel Towne, an early settler in Amherst upon the farm now owned by Frank W. Chase.

Caleb Jones, another of the early settlers, emigrated from Wilmington, Mass., soon after Benjamin Hopkins located on the Charlestown school farm. He was but twenty years of age and spent some time at work for Hopkins, whose daughter Deborah he subsequently married. Jones took up a claim upon the ungranted lands of the Mile Slip, a little southwest of the present residence of William Jones, his descendant. He was possessed of good mental powers and a most eccentric disposition.

Andrew Bradford, from Middleton, Mass., another pioneer, settled upon the farm in the north part of the town now owned by J. Fitch Crosby. His son, Capt. John Bradford, commanded



a company at the Battle of Bennington, where he received honorable mention for his bravery. His grandson, Ephraim Bradford, for many years the pastor of the church at New Boston, was one of the ablest clergymen of our state. Andrew died at the age of eighty years in 1798.

In 1753, Capt. Josiah Crosby, a descendant of Simon Crosby who came over in 1635, in the ship Susan and Ellyn, at the age of twenty-three years, left his native town, Billerica, Mass., and with his wife (Sarah Fitch, of Bedford, Mass.) established a home upon the farm now owned by his great-grandson, M. F. Crosby. Mr. Crosby at once took a leading part in the affairs of the town. He had in 1748 served in the French and Indian War, and was an officer in the War of the Revolution, commanding a company at Bunker Hill. His son William married the daughter of John Shepherd, and was one of the most honored and useful citizens the town has had. Many descendants of this worthy soldier remain in town and have had a substantial part in the management of its affairs.

William Wallace, son of Joseph Wallace, emigrated with his father at the age of five years from Londonderry, Ireland, about 1726. Joseph settled at Londonderry, N. H., and William was here as early as 1754. He married a daughter of John Burns, Sr., and had his home upon the north side of the river near the residence of the late David Hutchinson, on the old Mont Vernon road. Wallace had all the rugged traits of his ancestry; was the father of Dea. John Wallace, and the grandfather of Dr. John Wallace. The family has been well represented in town since the arrival of the first emigrant.

These eleven men, with wives who were helpmeets indeed, were all settled upon our soil before the year 1755, and were in the front ranks of the founders of the town of Milford. There were, in fact, but few other inhabitants within our limits at this early day. Of these forefathers it can be remarked, that as a whole they were men of uncommon strength of character; that all had honorable careers; that, without exception, they remained in town, and were buried by their children.

Jonathan Towne, a younger brother of Elisha, settled upon the old Towne farm on the Nashua road, about half a mile northwest of his brother, in 1759. He died in military service

at Crown Point in 1776. He was the grandfather of the late William B. Towne, to whose well directed zeal in historical matters and productive labor upon the early history of Milford families, we are much indebted in the preparation of this work.

Ebenezer Pearson, son of Thomas, born at Wilmington, Mass., May 14, 1736, located upon the Duxbury school farm in 1762, and was the grandfather of Luther, Dimon, and James Pearson.

One hundred and fifty years have passed since these men began their work. Upon all sides was an unbroken wilderness, but with dauntless resolution they began to subdue great forests and to utilize the winding stream upon whose banks they had made their settlement. These men had come to stay, and to make comfortable homes for themselves and those who should follow them. How well that work was begun, and how well carried on by their successors, let the smooth fields so heavily walled with granite boulders, the comfortable farm buildings, and the unusually attractive village residences witness.

The pioneers were reënforced from time to time by those who, like themselves, had a mind to work, and the names of Averill, Blanchard, Burnham, Abbott, Grimes, Hobbs, Taylor, Gould, Tuttle, Spalding, Stearns, Howe, Duncklee, Barker, Bartlett, Badger, French, Gutterson, Howard, Lovejoy, Marvell, Merrill, Wright, Johnson, Knowlton, Hood, Buxton, Clark, Conant, Flinn, Foster, Goodwin, Lewis, Lund, Melendy, Osgood, Colburn, are a few of the many who took up and carried on the work so well laid out by those who were first upon the ground. One, two, three generations have passed since the coming of the fathers, and time has buried many memorials of them and their work, and it is difficult to reproduce the scene as Peabody and Shepherd looked upon it.

In smaller and less prosperous towns we walk about the streets and within the ancient burial-places where

“The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep,”

with a feeling akin to that experienced in visiting old and decayed countries, and can hardly suppress the words “*Ilum fuit*,” for all about us are evidences that at some former time there was more thrift, intelligence, and solid acquisition than at

present: But in our own history it can truthfully be said that much as the present is debtor to the past, and much as we revere the men who laid the foundations of present prosperity, their descendants, with new blood from almost every quarter of the compass, are proving themselves equal to the task of making the town all that has been hoped for and prophesied of it in the past.

Let us, as well as we may, call to mind something of the everyday life of the families of Hopkins, Hutchinson, and Burns a century and a half ago. Their houses were of the rudest kind, made at first of logs and afterwards of rough lumber, with few windows, and almost bare of furniture. Having made extended allusion in our sketch of the old town of Monson to the hardships experienced by the early settlers, liable at any time before 1760 to an Indian assault, we refrain from again introducing the subject, only remarking, in passing, that during all the time of the French and Indian war every settler's cabin was to some extent a fortified place. Clocks and stoves were not known at that early day, the hour-glass and huge oven doing the housewife good service. Books, aside from the Bible, were seldom found. Many of the first settlers located near a brook, that water might easily be obtained. Wells were afterwards dug as prosperity increased, and water was drawn by a pail attached to a pole, and still later the well-curb with the "sweep" and

"The old oaken bucket,  
The iron-bound bucket,  
The moss-covered bucket  
Which arose from the well,"

came into use. Carpets and wall-papers were things unknown in these early homes, a floor covered with clean white sand being the ambition of our good mothers.

In such abodes as these were born and reared large families of eight, ten, and, in some instances, sixteen children, most of whom grew to be strong men and faithful women. It was the mother's care to keep the fire on the hearth-stone continually alive, so difficult was it to start a new fire; and so night and day, winter and summer, it went on. The introduction of the friction match (about 1830) was a blessing seldom realized in

its fulness. The fireplaces, as many remember, were often capacious enough to take in logs four feet in length. The keeping-room, sitting- or living-room, as it was known to different families, was often dependent upon the open fire for light. Tallow candles, dipped, or run in moulds, were the articles succeeding the pine knot for light, and were in time superseded by whale oil, which in turn gave way to the kerosene of to-day. The huge fireplace in the great chimney had its crane, upon which hung pots and kettles in close proximity to the fire. And the brick oven—what an addition it was to the house! It took a long time to heat it and it was usually done but once a week—but how much could be turned out at one baking of bread, beans, and pies! All of us remember the brick oven, and some the tin oven, which was used for baking in front of a blazing fire, and a few the Dutch oven, a shallow cast-iron kettle with a cover. Wooden milk-pans and dash churns were the dairy utensils in early use. Wild game was at hand in abundance, and fish, including the salmon, were found in the waters of the Souhegan. There is a tradition in the family of the writer that the wife of William Peabody, Sr., as she was crossing the river at the falls at the eastern boundary of the Charlestown school farm, caught a salmon with her hands, as it was working its way up the stream in the shallow water, which made a dinner for a large party. It is said that Captain Josiah Crosby killed nine bears the first year of his residence in town. The meat of the bear and deer, reinforced by the product of the river, did much to break up the monotony of a salt-pork dinner with its alternate salt beef. More than once there was a grand moose hunt. Soon after Elisha Hutchinson, the grandfather of the family of singers of that name, had located in the northwest part of the town (1779), a huge moose made his appearance in his clearing. Hutchinson and his neighbors gave chase, and captured the animal; the meat, regarded as choice because rare, was divided among the captors and their friends.

Cider was the common drink, farmers often putting as many as thirty barrels into the cellar, to be used for vinegar and as a beverage in about the ratio of one to thirty. There were no pleasure wagons, and none of the modern farm implements were in use. Ploughs had the mouldboard of wood covered



with scraps of iron. Wooden shovels, shod with the same material, were in use; pitchforks of wrought iron were heavy and unwieldy; hoes were of the same construction; straight scythe snaths were in use at the commencement of the century. There was very little money in circulation during these early times and the strictest economy was practised. Men, boys, and girls went barefoot in summer, and on Sunday would carry their shoes as they went to church, putting them on when near their destination and removing them as they commenced their homeward journey.

Burns and Wallace had come from a flax-producing country, and naturally took to the cultivation of this farm product. Their neighbors followed their example, and soon every farm had its field of flax. The flax had to be rotted, broken, and swingled, in order to be in condition for combing and carding. It was spun on the little wheels which we occasionally see in our modern houses as a choice memento of the past. There were also large wheels for the spinning of wool. These were prominent articles in the house-furnishing of those days, and poor indeed was the family which did not have one or more of them, as well as a loom upon which was woven fine linen for sheets and table cloths, which were allowed to accumulate as an important item in the daughters' dowries. The tailor of these times, with his goose, was engaged to come to the house and make up the cloth for the men and boys of the family; later, the work was done by women who made the circuit. Dressmakers were not known, the females of every family doing their own sewing. What travelling was not done on foot was accomplished on horseback, the husband in the saddle and the wife on the pillion behind, with the addition sometimes of a child or two—all on one horse.

Shepherd's mill at the fordway, from the beginning, was worth everything to these families. In many parts of the country, at this time, men carried grain upon their shoulders ten and even twenty miles to mill.

Of schools, before the Revolution, not much can be said. The heads of the family or a private instructor took the place of the regularly installed schoolmaster as he afterwards appeared. The nearest meeting-house, until about the close of the century,



was at Amherst Plain, and the Sunday-school was an institution of the then future.

What can we say of the domestic life and social comforts of this portion of the history of our town? So far as we can judge, from what has come down to us, there was as much of genuine happiness experienced by the occupants of these lands and tenements one hundred years ago, as by those who to-day read with surprise of the deprivations and straitened circumstances of earlier days. Common dangers and hardships were powerful factors in bringing together all the members of the neighborhood. Every man needed the assistance and fellowship of those who were circumstanced like himself. "A fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind." Out of these conditions there arose an almost Utopian state of society, in which selfishness and exclusiveness had but small part. The families of the first settlers intermarried in many instances, and it will be a matter of surprise to many who examine the genealogical tables of this volume to find themselves related to those whom they never thought of as kinsmen.

The Puritan element in the character of the early settlers of the town had about the right amount of Scotch-Irish blood in combination to make a strong and enduring foundation upon which to build a town, a state, or a nation.



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## CHAPTER V.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR—REV. DANIEL WILKINS—HUMPHREY  
HOBBS—STEPHEN PEABODY—HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY—LAW-  
YERS IN THE COUNTY BEFORE THE REVOLUTION—CONDITION  
OF THE LAW IN 1771—BENEFIT OF CLERGY—POOR DEBTORS  
—SHERIFF WHITING.

During most of the time from the opening of the contest between England and France in 1744, until the war ended in the conquest of Canada by the English, the towns in this vicinity were upon an exposed frontier and could not furnish any considerable number of soldiers for the regularly organized force. Each settler had his own castle to defend, and did more or less scouting duty in his own neighborhood. As in former wars, the Canada and Eastern Indians took sides with the French, who, coming in large numbers from Canada, prowled around our defenceless settlements, waylaying, murdering, and scalping, or taking captive to Canada, the settlers in the frontier towns, some of which no farther off than Peterborough, Lyndeborough, and New Boston, were wholly deserted.

As a portion of our territory during the time of this war was a part of Amherst, we cannot well make allusion to this contest without quoting from the records of that town. The leading figure in the town of Amherst during its early history was Rev. Daniel Wilkins, who was settled over the church September 3, 1741, and was the minister of the parish more than forty years. His daughter, Abigail, was the wife of William Peabody, Jr., and there are to-day many descendants of this worthy clergyman living in the town of Milford. He died at the age of 72. The town of Amherst placed a monument at his grave in the cemetery in the rear of the town-house, with the following inscription :

“ECCE ADDISCE VIVERE.”

ERECTED

BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST  
TO THE MEMORY OF

REV. DANIEL WILKINS,

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE FEB. 11, 1783, IN THE 73d YEAR  
OF HIS AGE, AND 42d OF HIS MINISTRY.

“He was a Gentleman of good, natural, and acquired abilities ; he received the honors of Harvard University at Cambridge, in 1736, and was separated to ye work of ye ministry in 1741, at which time his church consisted of only five male members and his Charge of fourteen Families. As a Minister he was laborious ; his Public Discourses were liberal and Sentimental, pathetic, solemn, and persuasive. He was endowed with a venerable presence and Commanding Voice and an Emphatic Delivery.

“He had a tender Feeling for his Charge, and was a Partner with them in all their Joys and Sorrows ; his conversation with them was Enlightening, Edifying, and Comforting.

“He was an Example of Patience and Meekness, and always endeavored to promote Peace. His natural Temper was remarkably Sweet and pleasant. He had a high relish for ye refined pleasures of Friendship. His behaviour was not ceremonious, but grave, Yet Sprightly and agreeable. In a word, he was a Devoted Minister and Faithful Christian, a good companion, a tender Husband, and an indulgent Parent.

‘The Sweet Remembrance of the Just  
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.’”

Rev. Dr. Davis, in his address at the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the Congregational meeting-house in Amherst, January 19, 1874, thus speaks of Pastor Wilkins :

REV. DANIEL WILKINS.

“The town of Amherst owed much to the ministry of Rev. Mr. Wilkins. We have no statistics from which to deduce exact statements respecting the results of his ministry. From all that I can gather, he was a man of great simplicity and purity of character. Having an intelligent and well balanced mind, he made himself the guardian and friend of his people. In their perils and discouragements he shared in their distresses, and bade them take heart. Twice, probably, in the history of the plantation, his counsels prevented their abandoning the territory. He must have been patient, and of a scholarly turn of mind ; he



must have been diligent in pastoral labors, teaching them by families, or he would not have instructed the people so thoroughly. He was evidently wise and kind, or he would not have held so large a place in their affections. In person, he was a thick set but well-formed man of ruddy countenance and genial speech. At the age of sixty-three his mental faculties became impaired, and he was unequal to the duties of the ministry; but the people cared for him thoughtfully, seeking his presence and services in their families as long as he could venture abroad. When he died the town assumed the whole expense of his burial, and honored his grave by a monument on which they inscribed in glowing words their admiration of his virtues and their grateful remembrance of his laborious services as their minister."

Mr. Wilkins by general consent seems to have been the spokesman of the town, addressing many petitions to the governor and assembly in the name of the whole community. As early as 1744, we find him at Portsmouth, seeking aid for his exposed townsmen, whose trials and defenseless position he set forth in a most pathetic appeal. This appeal, with those of later date, had much influence in securing scouts for his parish and vicinity. To the presence of the scouts thus furnished we must refer the immunity which this region had from Indian depredations during the years immediately following 1744.

In the sketch of Monson we have given the names of several persons who are known to have served under the authority of the state as scouts or soldiers in the French and Indian wars. It is impossible, with imperfect records, at this late day to obtain the names of all the worthy and courageous men then living upon territory now within the limits of Milford, who in those dark days did the state good service, but among them stands out conspicuously the name of

#### CAPTAIN HUMPHREY HOBBS.

Mr. Hobbs came to Amherst from Middleton as early as 1740, and was one of the original members of the church in Souhegan West, serving for a short time as deacon. Upon the breaking out of the French and Indian War in 1744 he surrendered the office, and entered the service of the state of Massachusetts as a ranger. He afterwards settled in the Mile Slip, which was his

home at the time of his decease in 1756. His daughter Susannah was the wife of Aaron Peabody. The late Deacon Humphrey Peabody was his grandson, and Addison Peabody, now resident in town, is his great-grandson. The location of his dwelling near, the Wilton line on the Joel H. Gutterson farm in the southwest part of the town, is still pointed out.

For several years after the settlement of the state line, Massachusetts continued to garrison the forts on the Connecticut river as far north as No. 4, now Charlestown, N. H.; and Massachusetts soldiers, in common with those of other states, were occupying an extensive territory, in endeavors to prevent an invasion of New England by the French and Indians.

Hobbs had a most honorable career as a captain in this service. The list of men making up one of his companies, as well as other papers relating to his campaigns, are still in possession of his descendants in town.

The following account of one of Dea. Hobbs's encounters with the Indians is taken from Hall's History of Eastern Vermont, published in 1858:

“In the month of February, 1748, the Massachusetts general court directed the number of men at Fort Massachusetts, now Adams, Mass., and Number Four, now Charlestown, N. H., to be increased to one hundred in each place. Of these, a suitable force was to be employed to intercept the French and Indian enemy in their marches from Wood creek and Otter creek to the frontiers. As an incentive to vigilance, a reward of one hundred pounds was ordered to be divided in equal parts among the officers and soldiers of any scouting party that might capture an Indian, or produce the scalp of one they had killed. Capt. Stevens was again appointed commander at Number Four, and Capt. Hobbs was ordered to the same post as second in command. On the twenty-fifth of June, Capt. Hobbs, with forty men, was ordered from Number Four to Fort Shirley, in Heath, one of the forts of the Massachusetts cordon extending from Fort Massachusetts to Number Four. On Sunday, June 26, having proceeded about six miles, they halted at a place about twelve miles northwest of Fort Dummer, in the precincts of what is now the town of Marlborough, Vt. A large body of Indians, who had discovered Hobbs's trail, had made a rapid march in order to cut him off. They were commanded by a resolute chief named Sackett, said to have been a half-blood, a descendant of a captive taken at Westfield, Mass.

“Although Hobbs was not aware of the pursuit of the enemy, he had posted a guard on his trail, and his men, having spread themselves over a low piece of ground covered with alders intermixed with large trees, and watered by a rivulet, had prepared their dinner, and were regaling themselves at their packs. While in this situation, the rear guards were driven in from their posts, which was the first intimation given of the presence of the enemy.

“Without knowing the strength of his adversaries, Capt. Hobbs instantly formed his men for action, each one by his advice selecting a tree as a cover.

“Trusting in the superiority of their numbers, and confident of success, the enemy rushed forward with shouts; but Hobbs’s well-directed fire, by which several were killed, checked their impetuosity, and caused them to retreat for shelter behind the trees and brush. The action now became warm, and a severe conflict followed between the sharpshooters. The two commanders had been known to each other in times of peace, and both bore the character of fearless men. Sackett, who could speak English, frequently called upon Hobbs in the tones of a stentor to surrender, and threatened in case of refusal to destroy his men with the tomahawk. Hobbs, with a voice equally sonorous returned the defiance, and urged his antagonist to put his threat into execution.

“The action continued for four hours, Hobbs’s party displaying throughout the most consummate skill and prudence, and neither side withdrawing an inch from its original position. The Indians not unfrequently approached the line of their adversaries, but were as often driven back to their first position by the well directed fire of the sharp-sighted marksmen. Finding Hobbs determined on resistance, and that his own men had suffered severely in the struggle, Sackett finally ordered a retreat, and left his opponent master of a well fought field.

“Hobbs’s men were so well protected that only three, Ebenezer Mitchel, Eli Scott, and Samuel Gunn, were killed in the conflict. Of the remainder, Daniel McKinney, of Wrentham, had his thigh broken by a ball from the enemy, and was thereby disabled for life. Samuel Graves, Jr., of Sunderland, a lad seventeen years of age, received a ball near the middle of the forehead, which went through part of his head, and came out on the left side, almost over his ear, bringing with it almost two spoonful of his brains; he, however, recovered. Nathan Walker, of Sudbury, received a wound in the arm, and Ralph Rice was injured.

“Many of the enemy were seen to fall, but their actual loss was never certainly known, as they took effectual measures to conceal it.

"After the Indians had left, Hobbs and his men remained concealed until dark, fearing another attack, but there being no signs of the enemy, they gathered their packs, took up the dead and wounded, and, after burying the former under some old logs about half a mile from the scene of action, and conducting the latter—two of whom they were obliged to carry—to a place about two miles distant, they encamped for the night. They arrived at Fort Dummer in Brattleborough on the 27th at four o'clock in the afternoon, and sent the wounded men to Northfield where they could receive proper medical attention.

"The number of Sackett's force, though not certainly known, was estimated at four times that of the English, and it is probable that had he known his superiority, he would have adopted a different method of warfare. The battle was regarded by the people in the vicinity as a masterpiece of persevering bravery, and served to a certain extent to remove the unfavorable impression produced by the defeat of Melvin's scouts a short time before. 'If Hobbs's men had been Romans,' says one writer, 'they would have been crowned with laurel, and their names would have been transmitted with perpetual honors to succeeding generations.'"

In 1758, a regiment of New Hampshire troops was raised, commanded by Colonel John Hart, of Portsmouth, a part of which was ordered to join a second expedition against Louisburg, and the remainder to serve on the western frontier under Lieutenant-Colonel John Goff of Bedford. In this regiment Stephen Peabody,<sup>1</sup> son of William Peabody, Sr., enlisted at the age of fifteen years and seven months, under Captain Nehemiah Lovewell, of Dunstable, and served eight months.

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<sup>1</sup> Before the breaking out of the War of the Revolution, Stephen Peabody held the office of coroner of Hillsborough county. He was an ardent patriot, and before the commencement of hostilities made himself peculiarly obnoxious to the royal government. The last official act of the last royal governor of New Hampshire, John Wentworth, was to issue a long precept or proclamation, called a writ of *supersedeas*, removing Peabody from the office of coroner, and denouncing him as a man dangerous to good government. This interesting document bore date, March 15, 1775.

Peabody was adjutant of Reid's regiment at Bunker Hill, and afterwards was major of the regiment under Colonel Wyman sent to reinforce the army in Canada in 1776; was a volunteer as captain in the alarm as to Ticonderoga in June, 1777; later an aid to General Stark at the Battle of Bennington, and in 1778 was in command of a regiment (lieutenant-colonel) in General Wyman's brigade for the defence of Rhode Island.

His earlier service was performed while he resided with his father on the old Peabody farm, but before the Revolution he had married, and established himself in what is now Mont Vernon, a little northeast of Purgatory falls, where he erected a substantial residence. He died in the year 1779, not being permitted to see the close of the war in the earlier part of which he had taken such an active part. His remains rest in the cemetery in the village of Mont Vernon.



## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

The political history of New Hampshire to the middle of the eighteenth century is simply the history of the southeastern portion of the state, Portsmouth, Exeter, and Dover, being the towns of consequence at that time. Previous to the year 1770, the entire state, for all financial and judicial purposes, was a single county. All business of a public nature was transacted at one of the three towns named, and most of it at Portsmouth. All the royal executive officers resided there. Portsmouth then had a population of more than four thousand, and was practically the capital of the province. As the province increased in population the people demanded other and smaller political divisions, in which ordinary business could be transacted.

In 1767, John Wentworth, the second of that name, was appointed governor of New Hampshire, and one of the measures brought forward at the opening of his administration comprehended the division of the province into counties, and the erection of a judicial system to meet the wants of the entire state. It was opposed by the residents of what is now Rockingham county, on the ground that it would increase the expense of the province without corresponding advantages. The governor favored the measure as one likely to develop the province, an end to which he devoted his entire energies, penetrating the wilderness so far as to lay out an estate and erect an elegant mansion at Wolfeborough upon Lake Winnepesaukee.

The matter was debated in several sessions of the Assembly before all points of difference could be reconciled. The number of counties and lines of division were not easily agreed upon. It was finally settled that the province should be divided into five counties, with an ample judiciary system. The act took effect in the spring of 1771.

Governor Wentworth named the counties after his friends in England—Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire, and Grafton. Sullivan has since been taken off Cheshire, Coös from Grafton, Merrimack from Rockingham, and Hillsborough, Carroll, and Belknap from Strafford.

Hillsborough county, upon its organization, included all the territory of the present county, excepting the town of Pelham, which for a time formed part of Rockingham county. It also included all of the present county of Merrimack west of the Merrimack river, excepting the town of Bow, the city of Concord, and portions of other towns whose lines have been changed within a few years. The territory thus set off for the county of Hillsborough was not all incorporated into towns. Some of it was not even settled, and some lands then settled



remained unincorporated for several years. The population of the county at the time of its organization was not far from fifteen thousand. There were eighteen incorporated towns within the present limits of the county, ranking as follows in point of population and valuation: Amherst, Hollis, New Ipswich, Dunstable (now Nashua), Merrimack, Nottingham West (now Hudson), Peterborough, Litchfield, Bedford, Goffstown, Derryfield (now Manchester), Wilton, New Boston, Mason, Weare, Lyndeborough, Temple, and Hillsborough. More than half the population of the county at this time resided in the six towns, Amherst, Hollis, New Ipswich, Dunstable, Merrimack, and Hudson.

New Hampshire was settled by immigration coming in through four different channels, the Portsmouth and Piscataqua colonies, the Londonderry colony, the settlers coming into the state by way of Dunstable, and the line of immigration coming up the valley of the Connecticut river. The county of Hillsborough was peopled from the second and third of these sources, and very largely from the Londonderry settlement.

No sooner was the demand for the division of the state into counties in a fair way to be answered affirmatively, than the question of the selection of the shire-town began to be agitated. Three towns were named in this connection—Amherst, Hollis, and Merrimack. Amherst was soon agreed upon, it being the most populous town, and located near what was then the centre of population and near the present geographical centre of the county. Amherst then had as large a population as to-day, but it must be remembered that its territorial limits have been contracted, the towns of Milford and Mont Vernon having been taken from it. For a long time it was a place of business and social consequence; many people of culture and distinction have there resided. A lack of water-power and railroad facilities have cost the town the prominence it once had, and it has receded from the first to the tenth place in rank among the towns of the county in the matter of population and valuation. It was the sole shire-town for the present county limits until 1846, when a term of court was established at Manchester, and another term at Nashua in 1857. In 1864 a jail was legally established at Manchester, and the old stone building at Amherst was discontinued. In 1866 the records for so long a time at Amherst, by vote of the county were removed to Nashua, where they are now kept in substantial buildings and vaults. In 1879 the only term of court then held at Amherst was abolished, and the town, after an honorable record of one hundred and eight years, ceased, in the language of Parson Wilkins, to entertain the courts.

There were but three lawyers resident in the county before the

Revolution, Atherton at Amherst, Champney at New Ipswich, and Claggett at Litchfield; but prominent attorneys from other parts of the state attended all the sessions of the court.

It would be useful, and perhaps not uninteresting, to examine into the condition of the statute and common law at the time of the organization of the county. Our limits will not permit anything like an exhaustive enumeration of the laws then in force, and allusion only will be made to some most at variance with the present code.

In 1771, Lord Mansfield was chief-justice of the court of King's Bench in England, and for nearly half a century had devoted his entire energies to perfecting the common law of that realm; neither before, nor since, has any one man done so much towards making secure the reciprocal rights of the government and governed, judged by the standard of the civilization of that day. The common law of England was brought over and became a part of the law of the colonies by the settlers of this continent; various modifications were made in the statutes to conform to the necessities of a new country, but in the main the inhabitants of the state were amenable to the same legal conditions as the inhabitants of England one hundred and twenty-two years ago. There were eight capital crimes in the province at that time, now but one; severe penalties were meted out for small offences; matters which are now left to the tribunal of the individual conscience were then made subjects of statute law, the violations of which were punishable in courts; the whipping-post, the pillory, and the stocks were recognized as suitable appliances to have a place in the machinery of a Christian government, and all existed in connection with the jail and courthouse until the commencement of the present century. In punishment of crime, distinctions were made founded upon the color or condition of the party to suffer the penalty.

Benefit of clergy, or the exemption of the clergy from penalties imposed by the law for certain crimes, was in existence in England, and not abolished until the reign of George IV. The history of this exemption is long, and was thoroughly woven into the texture of English criminal law; its practical working was to exempt the clergy from the punishment affixed to most crimes; it was no inconvenient thing to be able to plead benefit of clergy, and, at one time, not only those regularly in orders, but all retainers of the church and some others, claimed the privilege. To make certain who were entitled to this plea, before the time of Henry VII a statute was passed extending the exemption to such only as could read.

A single instance is found where this plea was made in this county in colonial times. Israel Wilkins, of Hollis, was indicted at the September term, 1773, of the supreme court, for the

murder of his father ; he was found guilty of manslaughter ; he then prayed the benefit of clergy, which was granted ; the court branded the brawny part of his thumb with the letter T, confiscated his personal estate, and let him go.

A creditor, until the passage of the Revised Statutes in 1842, upon any debt could seize his debtor, and, in default of payment, throw the victim into prison and keep him there until he had paid the last farthing.

One of the chief-justices of the court of King's Bench was imprisoned early in life for debt, and during his confinement of five years entered upon and completed his legal studies, and became one of the best of English pleaders.

Defendants held for this purpose, at first were confined as closely as prisoners awaiting trial or serving out a sentence, but as the minds of men became liberalized they were allowed some privileges not common to the average criminal. Jail limits were established in time, and the debtor allowed the privilege of going a certain number of rods from the jail. Within the present century men have been confined at Amherst for debt, one, two, three, and even four years, and in several instances carried on extensive mercantile business while prisoners at the suits of creditors.

A lawyer by the name of Shattuck, held for debt, established his family within the jail limits, built a house, and practised law with considerable success for several years.

The law is now so lenient that it has become difficult to collect honest debts. It is not an uncommon thing to find the wife owning the homestead—and a pretty large one sometimes—and the husband owing all the debts.

At the October term, 1771, the first grand jury ever empanelled in the county was called. General John Stark was one of the jury. One indictment made up the sum total of the findings of the grand jury. The unfortunate individual by them presented answered to the name of Jonas Stepleton. He was brought to the bar, and being arraigned, pleaded guilty, and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. The mercy of the court was dealt out as follows :

“ It is ordered that the said Stepleton be whipped twenty stripes on the naked back at the public whipping-post, between the hours of one and two of the afternoon of this 3d day of October, and that he pay Nahum Baldwin, the owner of the goods stolen, forty-four pounds lawful money, being tenfold the value of the goods stolen (the goods stolen being returned) and that in default of the payment of said tenfold damages and costs of prosecution, the said Nahum Baldwin be authorized to dispose of the said Jonas in servitude to any of His Majesties' subjects for the space of seven years, to commence from this day.”

In the superior court, a little later, one Keef was convicted of arson, and received the following sentence :

“ It is therefore considered by the court that the said Michael Keef is guilty, and it is ordered and adjudged that he sit one hour on the gallows with a rope round his neck, and be whipped thirty stripes on his naked back, on Thursday, the tenth day of June next, between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock in the forenoon ; that he be imprisoned six months from the said tenth day of June, and give bonds for his good behaviour in the sum of one hundred pounds, with two sureties in the sum of fifty pounds each, for the space of two years from the expiration of said six months, and pay the costs of prosecution, taxed at nine pounds, seven shillings and ten pence, and stand committed till sentence be performed.”

Benjamin Whiting, a resident of Hollis, was sheriff of the county at the time of its organization. He adhered to the king, quitted the country on the breaking out of hostilities, was proscribed and forbidden to return, and his estate was confiscated. He was a zealous officer of the king, and a representative man among the Tories of his time.

Among the depositions used on the trial of Whiting was the following made by Thompson Maxwell, of whom more will be said upon another page.

“ Thompson Maxwell testified and said that in the month of May last past, I was riding from Hollis to Amherst, in New Hampshire government, in company with Benjamin Whiting, Esq., who asked me what I thought of Major Sullivan's taking away the guns and powder from Castle William and Mary? I answered that I looked upon it as a piece of good conduct. Then said Whiting answered and said Sullivan was a d—d hog and villain for so doing, and a d—d rebel, and deserved to be hanged, that this spring the King's standard would be set up in America, and proclamation made that those that would come in and enter their names would have a pardon, and those that would not would be deemed rebels and suffer death jointly, and that within three months said Sullivan and John Hancock would be hanged. The said Whiting also said he hoped I would come in and enter my name.

“ Sworn to before

“JONAS DIX, Jus. Peace.

“July 6, 1775.”



## CHAPTER VI.

THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE—BOSTON TEA PARTY—THOMPSON MAXWELL A MEMBER—MAXWELL AT CONCORD BRIDGE—COMMITTEE OF SAFETY—MILFORD MEN AT BUNKER HILL—NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN AT BUNKER HILL—PATRIOTIC ROLL—DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE—SOLDIERS IN SERVICE—MILFORD MEN AT BENNINGTON—ROLL OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

The causes which led to the Revolution have been so often commented upon that they are omitted here, and allusion to the famous Boston Tea Party would not be made were it not for the fact that a citizen of Milford was one of the company.

In the year 1764, there came to reside in the town of Monson (now Milford) a man whose whole life was a romance, Thompson Maxwell by name.<sup>1</sup>

He had served in the French and Indian War while a resident of Massachusetts, but at the date of the Tea Party was engaged in farming and teaming country produce to Boston, and West

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<sup>1</sup> Major Thompson Maxwell was born in Bedford, Mass., entered the service of his country when but fourteen years of age, in 1757, and served in various campaigns as a ranger until 1763, traversing the whole northern frontier to the Mississippi river and enduring innumerable hardships in a constant border warfare; in 1764 settled in Monson (now Milford), N. H., and for ten years was engaged in conveying country produce to Boston with an ox team, and on his return trips supplying the traders with West India goods and groceries; took part in the destruction of tea in Boston harbor, December 16, 1773.

April 18, on his return from Boston, spent the night with his brother-in-law, Captain Wilson, at Bedford. Took part with Captain Wilson's company in the engagement at Concord bridge. Captain Wilson was mortally wounded.

After the fight was over, Maxwell returned to Bedford and hired a man to take his team home, while he repaired to Cambridge, where Captain Josiah Crosby's company, of which he was second lieutenant, soon after arrived. Was in most of the engagements of the war, in which New Hampshire troops took part, from Bunker Hill to Yorktown.

At the close of the war became a resident of Massachusetts. In 1787, was captain of a militia company under General Shepherd, and in service at the time Shay's rebellion was quelled.

In 1800, moved to Ohio, and in 1811 was in the Battle of Tippecanoe under General W. H. Harrison. Served through the War of 1812, with the rank of major a portion of the time; wounded severely at one time, a prisoner at another. Remained in service until 1820, in different positions, and at an advanced age died, a hero of three wars.





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RESIDENCE OF HUMPHREY MOORE, D. D.



India goods and groceries from Boston to the country traders in Amherst and vicinity. In an interview had with him in the year 1821, a few years before his decease and while a resident of the West, he says,—

“In 1773, December 16, I was in Boston when the tea was thrown overboard. Seventy-three men in the costume of Indians accomplished the daring exploit. John Hancock was then a merchant. My team was loaded at his store, near Faneuil Hall, for New Hampshire. At his request I put up my team to meet in consultation at his house at 2 o'clock p. m. The business was soon planned and executed.”

December 27, 1774, the town of Amherst voted “to approve of the results of the Grand Congress and strictly adhere to them,” and chose a committee to carry into effect the association agreement in the town. If any broke over the agreement, the committee were to publish their names in the newspapers. Upon the committee were Colonel John Shepherd, Thomas Burns, and Joseph Gould, representing that part of Amherst now Milford.

During the winter and spring of 1775, a company of minute men had been formed and drilled, in anticipation of the coming conflict. The collision at Lexington, April 19, aroused the country, and the Amherst company in command of Captain Josiah Crosby, at once started for Cambridge. His first lieutenant was Daniel Wilkins, Jr., son of Pastor Wilkins. His second lieutenant was Thompson Maxwell, already alluded to.

Colonel John Shepherd, who was in his seventieth year, and too old to take the field, went to Cambridge with the men, and received from Captain Crosby the following, at a later day:

“This certifies that Esq. Shepherd, in April 1775, went with a detachment of Militia of about one hundred men from Amherst to Cambridge, aided, assisted, and comforted them and at Cambridge left with them two Spanish milled dollars.

“JOSIAH CROSBY.”

On the back of this certificate is a list of other articles left, as follows:

“Pork  $57\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel beans,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bushel to Sargent, some bread and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bushel meal.”

Captain Crosby's company at first served under the orders of the province of Massachusetts, but upon the organization of the New Hampshire regiments in May, 1775, it took its place in the Third New Hampshire regiment, commanded by Colonel James Reed of Fitzwilliam, and made a part of his regiment at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

In Reed's regiment there were Milford men in at least four companies, all of whom took part in the battle of June 17, 1775,—

1. Josiah Crosby, captain; Thompson Maxwell, second lieutenant; Jonathan Burnham, Joshua Burnham, Stephen Crosby, Joseph Wallace, Jonathan Taylor, Jabez Holt, privates.

2. In Captain William Walker's company: Stephen Blanchard, Stephen Blanchard, Jr., privates.

3. In Captain Levi Spalding's company: Timothy McIntire, private.

4. In Captain Benjamin Mann's company: Asa Lewis, Benjamin Bevins, privates.

David Wallingford was at first a private in Captain Dow's company made up of Hollis men, but on the 28th day of April, 1775, he became second lieutenant in Captain Archelaus Towne's company, which afterwards became a part of Stark's regiment and was engaged at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Bartholomew Towne joined the same company May 6.

It has been questioned whether Captain Towne's company formed a part of Stark's regiment on the day of the battle, from the fact that Stark had ten companies (the usual number in a regiment) without counting Towne's, and the further fact that our state authorities, June 3, 1775, in issuing orders for making up three regiments out of soldiers then at or near Cambridge and at home, directed that Stark should command the First regiment, to consist of ten companies. (See Vol. I, Revolutionary Rolls.)

In the rosters which I have examined in the adjutant-general's reports of Stark's regiment at this time, I do not find more than ten companies enrolled, and the names of the ten captains do not include that of Captain Towne, and the pay-rolls are limited to ten companies. But in a letter to the committee of safety, dated June 23, 1775, General Folsom speaks of Stark's reg-



iment as consisting of thirteen companies, and I think there can be no doubt that Captain Towne's company was one of the thirteen.

Among the wounded on the 17th day of June, was Peter Robertson, of Amherst, who was one of Captain Towne's men. The following affidavit, on file at Concord, would seem to make it clear that Towne fought in Stark's regiment, and that Stark had at least eleven companies in his command at Bunker Hill, and if eleven, probably thirteen :

## AFFIDAVIT.

"I Archelaus Town Cap<sup>t</sup> of a Company in Col<sup>o</sup> John Stark's Regiment Certify that on the 17th Day of June A. D. 1775, Peter Robertson, a soldier in my company Lost his Right Hand, in the Battle of Bunkers Hill by a Cannon shott from the enemy whereby he is Disabled from gaining his Living, and has received pay no further than the last of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775.

Witness my Hand at Amherst this 8th Day of March A. D. 1877.

"ARCHELUS TOWN."

We therefore add from Captain Towne's company, Stark's regiment, the names of David Wallingford, second lieutenant ; Bartholomew Towne, private.

## MILFORD MEN AT BUNKER HILL.

Josiah Crosby, captain ; Thompson Maxwell, David Wallingford, lieutenants ; Jonathan Burnham, Joshua Burnham, Stephen Crosby, Joseph Wallace, Jonathan Taylor, Jabez Holt, Stephen Blanchard, Stephen Blanchard, Jr., Timothy McIntire, Benjamin Bevins, Bartholomew Towne, Asa Lewis, privates ; none of whom were killed or seriously wounded.

The appearance of the men as they went into the battle must have surprised the trained and well equipped soldiers to whom they were opposed. They were not dressed with any degree of uniformity, and in this respect were a motley-looking set. Some had fowling-pieces, others rifles, and not a few, muskets without bayonets.

The number of New Hampshire men at Bunker Hill (more than half the American force), after much research, is fixed at 1,230.



The casualties were,—

	Killed.	Wounded.
Stark's Regiment . . . . .	15	45
Reed's Regiment . . . . .	17	15
New Hampshire men in Massachusetts companies	9	7
Total,	41	67

After the battle, Captain Crosby made a return of losses sustained by members of his company. Crosby's loss consisted of "one pistol" and "one pair worsted stockings." Lieutenant Maxwell lost "one fine shirt" and one "powder horn;" Stephen Crosby "one great coat" and "one shirt;" Joseph Wallace, "one pair shoes."

Our New Hampshire men were present when Washington took command of the army, July 2, 1775, and had their first view of the commander-in-chief on that day as he reviewed the army, mounted on a black horse of unusual size and power. He made an address, closing with a repetition of Psalm CI.

Enlistments in early regiments were for a term of eight months. The rations consisted of bread, pork, beef, rice, and beer. In addition, our state furnished 554 gallons New England rum and 1,729½ gallons West India rum for its soldiers during the time they were engaged in the vicinity of Boston in the year 1775.

John Bradford served as lieutenant in Captain Taylor's company, sent for the defence of Boston in December, 1775, at the request of General Sullivan. David Burnham, William Crosby, Benjamin Hutchinson, William Jones, and John Wallace served in the same company.

Captain Augustus Blanchard, then of Merrimack, but afterwards a prominent citizen of Milford, was captain of another company sent at the same time. These, and other companies from New Hampshire, took the place of Connecticut troops whose term of enlistment had expired.

“In Congress, March 14, 1776.

“Resolved That it be recommended to the several assemblies Conventions, and councils, or committees of safety, of the United States, immediately to cause all persons to be disarmed within their Respective Colonies, who are notoriously dissa-

fect to the cause of America, or who have not associated, and refused to associate, to defend by arms the United Colonies against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and Armies.

‘CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.’

“In consequence of the above resolution of the Hon. Continental Congress, and to show our determination in joining our American brethren, in defending the Lives, Liberties and Properties, of the inhabitants of the United Colonies,—We the subscribers do hereby engage and promise that we will to the utmost of our power, at the risk of our Lives and Fortunes, with arms, oppose the Hostile proceedings of the British fleets and armies against the United Colonies.

“Darius Abbott, Andrew Bradford, John Bradford, Stephen Burnham, George Burns, John Burns, John Burns, Jr., John Burns, 3rd, Thomas Burns, Henry Codman, Josiah Crosby, Samson Crosby, Joseph Gould, John Grimes, Jonathan Grimes, Benjamin Hopkins, Benjamin Hopkins, Jr., Ebenezer Hopkins, Isaac Howe, Joel Howe, Abner Hutchinson, Eben Hutchinson, Elisha Hutchinson, Nathan Hutchinson, Nathan Hutchinson, 2nd, William Peabody, William Peabody, Jr., John Shepard, Jr., William Small, Jonathan Taylor, Joseph Wallace, William Wallace.”

The above names represented, in part, the sentiment of Milford people in 1776. Some residents were in the army at the time and did not sign, their works indicating their faith. For some reason Colonel John Shepherd declined to sign the paper.

A regiment was raised in July, 1776, to reinforce the army in Canada. Stephen Peabody was major, and William Small, Jr., a private, in Captain Bowen’s company. In September, of the same year, a regiment was raised for service in New York. It was in the Battle of White Plains, October 28, 1776. In Captain Putnam’s company were John Grimes and Joseph Wallace. The same year, in December, Abial Holt, Daniel Barker, and Benjamin Wright enlisted in Captain Walker’s company, and Colonel Gilman’s regiment, for service in New York.

July 18, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was received, and publicly proclaimed from the pulpits the next Sunday.

For the first two years, or until the close of 1776, enlistments had been for short periods of time, and soldiers were constantly returning to their homes, depleting the army and adding gloom to the otherwise discouraging situation, no substantial victories

having been achieved. To remedy this state of things Congress determined to establish a permanent army, in which the enlistments should be for three years or during the war. New Hampshire's quota was three regiments, which were at first put under John Stark, James Reed, and Enoch Poor. Poor was promoted, Stark resigned, and Reed, becoming blind, was obliged to leave the service, and the regiments were afterwards under command of Joseph Cilley, Nathan Hale, and Alexander Scammel.

Inducements in the way of remission of the poll tax, and other bounties, were offered for enlistments in these regiments. In the rolls the following names are recognized as those of men living at that time within the present limits of Milford: Benjamin Bevins, Andrew McIntire, Calvin Hovey, Joseph Lewis, Jacob Blanchard, Ezekiel Crosby, Caleb Brown.

When Burgoyne moved on Ticonderoga in the summer of 1777, volunteers were not wanting for a shorter and more exciting service. Two companies, under Major Abial Abbott of Wilton, marched for Lake Champlain, June 30, 1777. At Charlestown, they were ordered home. On their return, at Dublin they received orders to resume their march on Ticonderoga. This was done, but at Otter Creek they had word of the evacuation of Ticonderoga, and turned back the second time. Captain Stephen Peabody commanded one of these companies. John Bradford was first lieutenant. In the ranks were Josiah Crosby, Jr., Stephen Crosby, William Crosby, Caleb Jones, John Wallace, and Ebenezer Hutchinson. Captain Nathan Ballard, of Wilton, commanded another company, with Nathan Hutchinson as sergeant and Asa Lewis, Stephen Blanchard, Daniel Barker, Israel Burnham, David Burnham, Jonathan Burnham, in the ranks.

Subsequently a call was made by the people of Vermont (not then a state) upon New Hampshire for help in resisting the progress of the English through their territory. The New Hampshire legislature met at Exeter, and at once organized an expedition under General John Stark.

At the Battle of Bennington, August, 1777, Captain John Bradford commanded a company in Colonel Nichols's regiment. David Wallingford was lieutenant in Captain John Goss's company in the same regiment.

## MILFORD MEN AT BENNINGTON.

John Bradford, captain; David Wallingford, lieutenant; Simeon Blanchard, David Burnham, Israel Burnham, Jonathan Burnham, Stephen Crosby, William Crosby, Caleb Jones, Asa Lewis, John Wallace, privates.

Francis Grimes joined the army at Saratoga a month later.

The victory at Bennington was the turning point in the war. Phelps, in his oration at the dedication of the monument in August, 1891, characterized it as one of the great battles in the world's history, although fought with a handful of men; and John Stark as a great general.

All the Milford soldiers, except Lieutenant Wallingford, were in Captain Bradford's company, and all accounts agree that they behaved with the greatest coolness and bravery at the most critical moment of the fight. Asa Lewis was killed August 16, 1777. No Milford men were seriously wounded. John Mills, the grandfather of John Mills recently deceased, was first lieutenant in Captain Bradford's company, and Stephen Peabody was an aid to General Stark with the rank of major. Three fourths of all the men in this memorable battle were New Hampshire soldiers.

In 1778 a brigade in command of General William Whipple was sent to Rhode Island to take part in the attack upon the English forces in that locality. Colonel Moses Nichols commanded one of the regiments, and Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Peabody another. Captain John Bradford was adjutant of Nichols's regiment, and Captain Josiah Crosby was in command of a company. Josiah Crosby, Jr., was one of his sergeants, and in the ranks were Stephen Crosby, Jonathan Taylor, Bartholomew Towne. In Captain Reynolds's company the name of John Wallace is found.

In 1779, Calvin Hovey enlisted for one year in the Continental army, and Alpheus Crosby in Captain Daniel Emerson's company in Mooney's regiment, sent to the relief of Rhode Island.

A regiment under command of Colonel Moses Nichols served three months at West Point in the autumn of 1780. Dr. Henry Codman was surgeon.

In the company commanded by Captain William Barron, we



find the following names: Andrew Bradford, William Wallace.

In the summer of 1781, Paul Crosby enlisted in Captain John Mills's company, Colonel Reynolds's regiment, on the Vermont frontier, and served three months.

In 1782, there was a call for three-years men to recruit the Continental army, and Andrew Bradford responded to the call. The same year Timothy McIntire enlisted in a company of rangers, commanded by Captain Ebenezer Webster, for the protection of our northern frontier, and served three months.

This was the last enlistment for service in the War of the Revolution. No attempt has been made to state here all the service performed by each soldier.

Although our town was not known among the municipalities of the state during this eventful period, we present the following list of patriotic soldiers who had their homes upon the soil now known as the town of Milford. We do not offer it as a perfect roll of Milford men in that war, but as the best we have been able to make after the lapse of so much time.

#### SOLDIERS IN THE REVOLUTION.

*Captain*, Josiah Crosby,  
*Captain*, John Bradford,  
*Lieutenant*, David Wallingford,  
*Lieutenant*, Thompson Maxwell,  
*Sergeant*, Nathan Hutchinson,  
*Surgeon*, Henry Codman.

#### *Privates.*

Barker, Daniel,	Burnham, Israel,
Bevins, Benjamin,	Burnham, Jonathan,
Blanchard, Jacob,	Burnham, Joshua,
Blanchard, Simon,	Crosby, Alpheus,
Blanchard, Stephen,	Crosby, Ezekiel,
Blanchard, Stephen, Jr.,	Crosby, Joseph,
Bradford, Andrew,	Crosby, Josiah, Jr.,
Brown, Caleb,	Crosby, Nathaniel,
Burnham, David,	Crosby Paul,



Crosby, Stephen,  
Crosby, William,  
Grimes, Francis,  
Grimes, John,  
Holt, Abiel,  
Holt, Jabez,  
Honey, Calvin,  
Hutchinson, Benjamin,  
Hutchinson, Ebenezer,  
Jones, Caleb,  
Jones, William,  
Lewis, Asa,

Lewis, Joseph,  
McIntire, Andrew,  
McIntire, Timothy,  
Small, William, Jr.,  
Taylor, Jonathan,  
Towne, Bartholomew,  
Towne, Jonathan,  
Wallace, John,  
Wallace, Joseph,  
Wallace, William,  
Wright, Benjamin.

## CHAPTER VII.

THE SOUTHWEST PARISH—NAMES OF SOME OF THE PROMINENT  
RESIDENTS IN THE MILE SLIP AND UPON DUXBURY FARM—  
BUILDING OF THE OLD MEETING-HOUSE—WILLIAM CROSBY'S  
GIFTS TO THE PARISH—DESCRIPTION OF THE OLD HOUSE—  
APPEARANCE OF THE VILLAGE IN 1794.

Before the close of the Revolutionary war, in the year 1782, the following persons, viz., Darius Abbott, Isaac Abbott, Ebenezer Averill, Elijah Averill, Moses Averill, Andrew Bradford, John Bradford, Augustus Blanchard, David Burnham, Israel Burnham, Joshua Burnham, Stephen Burnham, George Burns, John Burns, Thomas Burns, Henry Codman, Benjamin Conant, Josiah Crosby, Josiah Crosby, Jr., Sampson Crosby, Stephen Crosby, William Crosby, Samuel Dodge, James Gilman, Arthur Graham, Samuel Graham, John Grimes, Jonathan Grimes, Thaddeus Grimes, William Grimes, Benjamin Hopkins, Jr., Benjamin Hopkins, 3d, Ebenezer Hopkins, Samuel How, Abner Hutchinson, Bartholomew Hutchinson, Benjamin Hutchinson, Elisha Hutchinson, Jonathan Hutchinson, Nathan Hutchinson, Nathan Hutchinson, Jr., William Melendy, William Peabody, Bartholomew Towne, Jonathan Towne, John Wallace, and William Wallace, were constituted the Third or Southwest parish in Amherst. Parishes were at that time organized with power to impose taxes and raise money for the purpose of building meeting-houses and supporting the public worship of God. For all other purposes the members of the parish continued to hold the same relations to the town in which they resided which they had before the incorporation of the parish. No territorial boundaries in our parish were at first established, the individuals, instead of a certain portion of land, making the parish; but ten years later the parish was set off by metes and bounds, and this action of the people and the legislature was the initial step in the formation of the town of Milford.

Neither the Mile Slip nor the Duxbury school farm had town





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O. W. LULL, ESQ., WITH HIS FAMILY AND THEIR HOME IN 1857.

or parish organizations, but together had certain quasi corporate privileges conferred by the state, by which these places were permitted to raise money for the support of schools and the care of highways.

Among the prominent men in the Mile Slip and the Duxbury school farm at the time of the formation of the parish, were the following :

James Badger,	Timothy McIntire,
Simon Blanchard,	Joshua Mooar,
Stephen Blanchard,	Aaron Peabody,
Stephen Blanchard, Jr.,	Samuel Person,
Richard Boynton,	Thomas Person,
Daniel Chandler,	William Person,
Samuel Gutterson,	Joseph Wallace,
Caleb Jones,	Stephen Williams,
Benjamin Lewis,	Benjamin Wright.
Benjamin Lewis, Jr.,	

While none of the inhabitants of the Mile Slip or Duxbury school farm were members of the Southwest parish, the inhabitants of these precincts attended meeting, when they chose, at the parish meeting-house, and in several instances became members of the church, worshipping there.

The first meeting of the Southwest parish was held at the house of Thaddeus Grimes, who kept a tavern upon the estate on Elm street, which in 1804 became the property of the late Humphrey Moore. At this meeting Captain Nathan Hutchinson was chosen moderator; Augustus Blanchard, clerk and treasurer; Augustus Blanchard, Lieutenant Thomas Burns, and Captain John Bradford, assessors; and Benjamin Hutchinson, collector;—and it was voted to “build a meeting-house of the same size and bigness the Northwest parish [Mont Vernon] hath built, except the porches,” and that Lieutenant Darius Abbott, Captain Josiah Crosby, and Captain Andrew Bradford be a committee to provide timber, boards, and shingles, and let the same out at public vendue to the lowest bidder. At the annual meeting of the parish, on the fourth day of March, 1783, it was voted to raise £32, 4s. to discharge the expense of the parish being set off, £95 to be laid out in purchasing timber, boards, shingles, and other materials for building the meeting-house, £15 to pay for preaching the current year, and that Captain



Nathan Hutchinson, Lieutenant Thomas Burns, and Captain John Bradford be a committee to hire preaching. The same year another meeting was called to select a place for the erection of a meeting-house, and make provision for clearing the same, and it was voted that the house should stand about twenty rods south of Shepherd's bridge, on a rise of ground. This vote would have located the meeting-house on ground now covered by the Wadleigh block. At a meeting held later the same year, Captain Nathan Hutchinson, John Wallace, and John Burns were chosen a committee to procure stone for underpinning the meeting-house, and Joshua Burnham was authorized to purchase a "parish book."

At the annual meeting holden March 2, 1784, it was voted to proceed with the meeting-house, and to begin to frame it the first Monday in June, and raise it as soon as possible. Captain Nathan Hutchinson, Captain Josiah Crosby, and Captain Andrew Bradford were chosen a committee to see that the meeting-house was framed, underpinned, and raised. It was also voted to raise £30 towards the expense of the meeting-house, and £20 to pay for preaching; that three shillings per day be allowed each man for work on the meeting-house,—the laborer to board himself; and that "any person who shall hereafter join the parish, shall be exempt from any tax raised to raise, board, and shingle the meeting-house." For some reason, the location that had been fixed for the house was not satisfactory, and at a special meeting held on the 15th day of June, it was voted that it should be located about ten rods northwest from the former place, between two pitch-pine stumps; that "Augustus Blanchard, Lieutenant Thomas Burns, Joshua Burnham, Captain John Bradford, and Lieutenant Benjamin Hutchinson be a committee to carry on the work," and that "said committee provide one barrel of rum, two barrels of cider, and one quarter of sugar for the raising." The meeting-house was raised in the summer of 1784, and on the second day of September of that year, a special meeting was called, and the second article in the warrant was to see if the parishioners would board, shingle, or furnish any part of the meeting-house frame. It was voted to board and shingle it; that "it be boarded with square-edged boards", and that the "boarding and shingling be let to the lowest bidder at

vendue." At the same meeting it was voted to raise £40 to defray the expense of further finishing the meeting-house.

Lieutenant Thomas Burns and Lieutenant Darius Abbott were made a committee to wait on Governor Hopkins and get the "donation he hath offered to procure the nails." This Governor Hopkins was none other than Benjamin Hopkins, the original settler upon the Charlestown school farm, who at this time, at the age of eighty-four years, was making a substantial gift towards the building of the meeting-house. To prevent misapprehension upon the part of any, it may be remarked that he never held the office of chief magistrate of the state, but was so prominent in town affairs as to have acquired this title among his neighbors.

In the month of November, 1784, the parish met and raised money enough to buy the clapboards, steps, glass, and window-frames for the house. At the annual meeting in March, 1785, it was voted "to raise thirty pounds to hire preaching, and fifty pounds to be laid out upon the meeting-house." At another meeting held in the same month, it was voted to build porches to the house. The building of the porches was let out to Josiah Crosby, Benjamin Conant, Benjamin Hutchinson, and Elisha Hutchinson. It was voted that "they have, as a consideration, the ground said porches will save in the house, and fifteen pounds to be paid by the parish when the whole is finished."

On the seventh day of April, 1785, a warrant was posted for the first parish meeting in the new house, to be held on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1785. The house was then boarded, shingled, and possibly clapboarded, but there were no window-frames nor window-glass in the house, and no permanent floor was laid. At this meeting a committee, previously chosen, made a report of a plan for the pew ground. This determined the size of the pews, the dimensions and direction of the aisles, or alleys as they were then called. It was also voted "to sell the pew ground to the highest bidder, give good conveyances, and take the money for the further finishing of the house."

At a meeting of the parish held in September, 1785, it was decided to lay the floor of the house and to let the laying at vendue. The record quaintly runs, "*Voted* Augustus Blanchard vendue it; accordingly it was instantly vended and struck off to Thomas Boynton at thirty-nine shillings."

December 25, 1785—when it must have been too cold for long speeches in a house without permanent floors, doors, or windows—it was voted, after some consideration, to have the sashes, window-frames, doors, and stuff for the body seats put up at vendue to be completed by June, 1786. The sashes were bid off by Thomas Boynton at fifteen and one half pounds old tenor; the window-frames by David Chandler at £3, 10s.; the front door by Benjamin Conant at twenty shillings; the body seats by Nathan Hutchinson at a sum not named.

In September, 1786, the parish having heard the report of a committee sent out to examine the porches of several neighboring meeting-houses, it was voted “to accept the plan of the porches of the Temple meeting-house to have the porches of this meeting-house built by.” In September, 1787, it was voted “to collect the notes for the pew ground sold, and get the glass set and put in.” Notwithstanding more than twenty meetings had been held, and money raised at most of them, the enterprise languished, and in June, 1788, there was an article in the warrant “to see if the parish will do anything towards finishing the meeting-house.” Upon this article it was voted “to ceil round the house as high up as the windows.” In September, 1788, it was voted “to finish the whole of the meeting-house and get a plan of the galleries.” The meeting was adjourned to September 29, when the parish voted to accept a plan of the galleries and sell all the pew ground therein, and apply the proceeds to finishing the house. This year the parish received from William Crosby, who seems to have had a deep and practical interest in all its affairs, a deed of the following described pieces of land, viz. :

“Beginning at the southwest corner of Shepard’s bridge, thence running southerly on the west side of the road leading from said bridge to my house until it comes to the main road that leads from my house to Wilton, to a stake and stones; from thence westerly on the north side of said road about eight rods, to a white oak stump; thence northerly to a black oak tree marked, standing on the bank of Souhegan river; from thence by said river to the place of beginning, being the land the meeting-house stands on. Also, one other piece, to be appropriated for a burying-ground, on the west part of my farm, bounded as follows, viz. : Beginning at a large white pine tree

standing on the bank of the river a few rods north of the ditch bridge (so called) ; from thence east thirteen rods, to a stake and stones ; from thence north twelve rods, to a stake and stones ; from thence west until it comes to the river ; and from thence by the river to the bound first mentioned,—containing about one acre."

From this it appears that the original meeting-house plat, or what is now called the public square in the village, as well as the old cemetery on the Wilton road, was the gift of William Crosby, who is remembered by many now living. He was only thirty years old, and yet he was acting the part of the "father of the parish," as he was named by his pastor, Rev. H. Moore, at the time of his decease in 1831.

In the warrant for the meeting in March, 1789, there was an article as follows : "To see if the parish will agree to appropriate any part of the front galery in the meeting-house for a pew or pews for the singers to sit in." The parish voted the singers the pew, and also raised £10 for levelling round the meeting-house.

In the warrant for the meeting held October 12, 1789, was this important article, "To see if the parish will make any addition to the pew in the galery where the singers sit." After a long debate in which the capacity of the pew and the capacity of the singers was discussed, and the extravagant demands of the musical portion of the parish commented upon, it was solemnly voted "to enlarge the singing pew to seventeen feet and no larger."

The parish met the last time as a parish October 29, 1792, and voted to paint the meeting-house. January 11, 1794, the legislature chartered the town of Milford, and the organization was perfected in March following, when all the parish property passed into the custody of the town,

At the annual meeting in March, 1798, the house having been glazed, painted, and in most respects finished, the town voted to build four additional pews upon ground not before sold. It was further voted "to let the building of these pews at vendue to the person who would build the same for occupying the same the shortest term of time." They were bid off to Abial Holt "to improve them six months and two weeks."



This substantially completed the house, excepting the belfry which was afterwards erected. Up to this time more than thirty meetings had been held in the parish and the town, in aid of the location and construction of the meeting-house. Nearly twenty years had passed since the organization of the parish. The cost of the house can never be ascertained on account of imperfect records and a disturbed currency. So far as we can learn, its builders worked in harmony, bearing themselves like men even under the trying circumstances of the enlargement of the singing pew.

The old meeting-house was moved from its original location about four rods to the northeast in 1847. The building was raised, and two stores were finished underneath the audience-room, one of which continued to be used for the post-office until 1870, when the new town-house having been erected, the old house was moved across the street in an easterly direction, and is now used for business purposes.

#### LOCATION AND PLAN OF THE OLD MEETING-HOUSE.

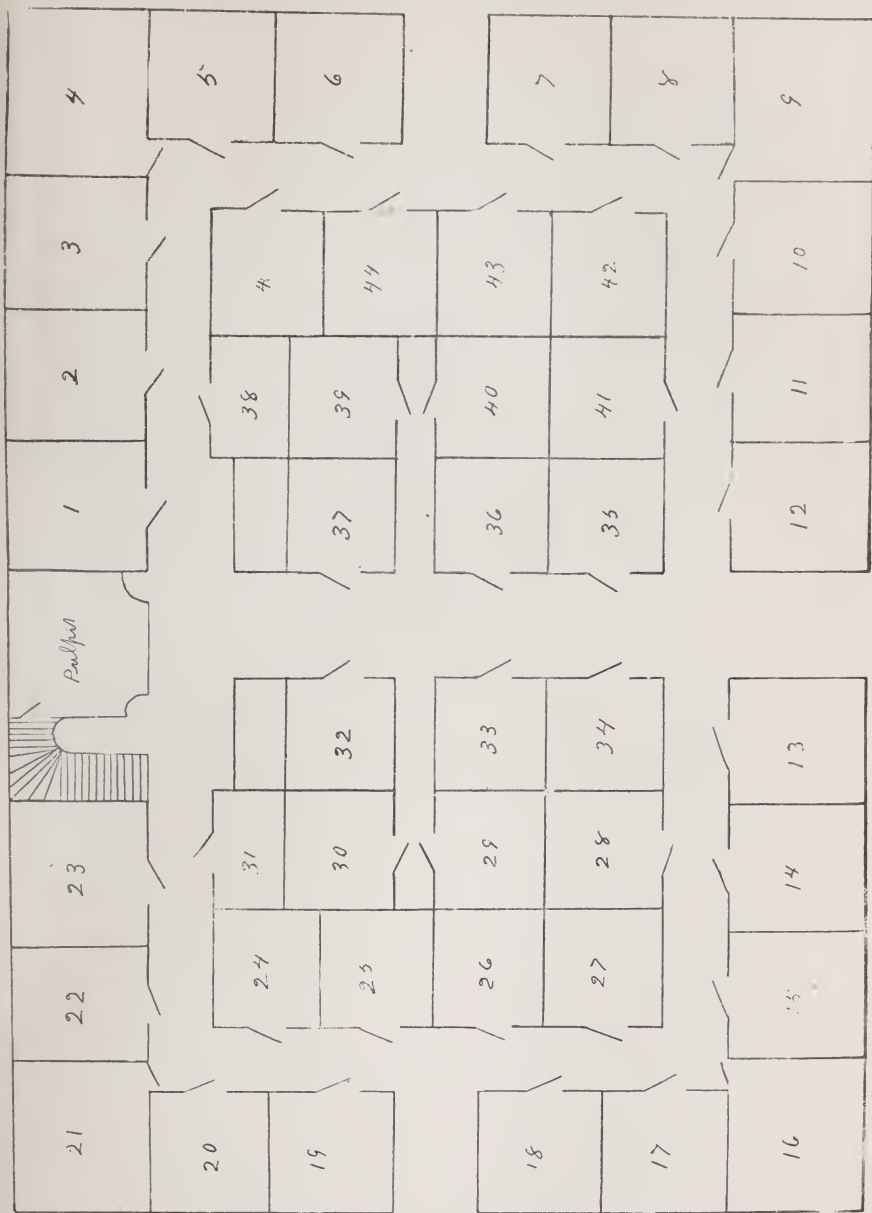
The house was raised in 1784, the tower or belfry end of the house facing the west, and the underpinning of the south side being laid parallel with the street passing along the south side of the common, and some one hundred and fifty feet from the buildings on the south side of the street. This location did not interfere with the street on the east and west of the house, and there was a small triangular piece of vacant land on the north side of the building. There was a door on the front side in the middle of the house, opening to the south; a porch and door at each end. The pulpit was considerably elevated at the north side of the house. Its front was a section of an octagon projecting from the general panelled front of the structure. The access to the pulpit was by a single flight of stairs on the west side, turning at a right angle from the floor to the pulpit door. Below and in front of the pulpit was the deacons' seat and a swinging table. Above the pulpit was a "sounding-board" which corresponded in shape with the front of the pulpit. The belfry was built in 1803, and one porch removed. In the front gallery was a space arranged to accommodate the choir, with







FIRST MEETING HOUSE AFTER BELFRY WAS ADDED IN 1802.



PLAN OF PEWS IN FIRST CHURCH.



two pews at each end. The pews were all square, with narrow seats all around, except at the entrance or door; consequently a considerable proportion of the audience presented only a profile view to the preacher while addressing them. The pews were finished with panelled sides, above which was a wide rail supported by turned balusters about eight inches long. The most noticeable arrangement in respect to the pews,—universal in meeting-houses of that date—was that all the seats were hung upon hinges, and were so arranged as to be easily raised when the worshippers stood, as was always done in prayer time. Each pew had six or eight separate seats, to be raised or let fall without regard to the noise they made, and as it was done pretty nearly in unison, the effect can easily be imagined upon one unused to such a fusilade. Two free seats on each side of the broad aisle in front of the pulpit, were generally occupied by aged people—the men on the west side, and the women on the east side. There was a row of pews all around the walls of the house, with an alley between them and the “body pews;” a broad aisle from the front door to the pulpit and a narrow, short alley from that each way to pews which could not otherwise be reached.

There was a wide gallery on the south side and each end of the house, supported in front by small pillars. In the galleries was a row of pews around the walls of the house, with a narrow walk for access. Between it and the front of the galleries, on the east and west sides, were three long and three short free seats, which were entered by descending one, two, and three steps from the doors to the front of the galleries. Those on the west were for males, and those on the east for females.

The house was occupied for public worship before it was finished, and while much remained to be done upon the inside. Before the house was used for public worship, services on Sunday were held at the house of Jotham Shepherd, which stood upon the ground now occupied by the buildings on the Rossiter farm, near the Methodist church upon the north side of the river. The writer in his boyhood conversed with an aged man who, when a child, attended meeting at the Shepherd house, and was informed by him that at the time the meeting-house was ready for occupancy, there were only three dwelling-houses in the vil-



lage on the south side of the river—one where the hotel now stands, one on the ground now occupied by the town-house, and a third upon the Livermore estate at the junction of Elm and Union streets; on the Nashua road there was a house upon the Conant farm, afterwards known as the Benjamin Goodwin estate; on South street, the first and only house for some distance was that of Isaac Marshall. On the Wilton road the first house to the west of the Livermore corner was the Grimes homestead on the Humphrey Moore estate. On the north side of the river was the Jotham Shepherd house and the residence of Colonel John Shepherd. According to the memory of our informant, these dwellings, with Shepherd's mills, a blacksmith-shop, and a small building used as a store, made up the village at the time the meeting-house was built. But at the time of the incorporation of the town in 1794, several other buildings had been erected within the limits of the village.





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TOWN HOUSE, 1847-1870,

## CHAPTER VIII.

INCORPORATION OF MILFORD—ACTION OF THE SOUTHWEST PARISH, OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE—ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN—LIST OF TAXPAYERS IN TOWN IN 1794—MILFORD CLASSED WITH BROOKLINE FOR PURPOSES OF REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATURE—THE COUNTY BRIDGE—SHEPHERD'S BRIDGE—THE POUND—HORSE-SHEDS—MAIL ROUTE—LINES OF PUBLIC TRAVEL, ETC.

“August 17, 1793. At a parish meeting held this day, it was voted to petition the General Court to be set off as a separate town, and Augustus Blanchard, William Peabody, Thomas Burns, Joshua Burnham, and Benjamin Hutchinson were appointed a committee to treat with the committee from the Mile Slip and others respecting being set off.”

October 17, 1793, it was voted to “petition the General Court, in connection with the Mile Slip, Duxbury, and a part of Hollis, to be set off from the old town as a separate town;” and William Peabody, Augustus Blanchard, and Solomon Hopkins were appointed a committee, with full power to petition the General Court to be incorporated into a body politic, also “to do everything to fully complete the same, their proceedings to be ratified by the parish, which is to pay the expense of the same.”

At the same meeting it was voted to “make application to the town of Amherst for their consent that we be set off as a separate town.”

### ACTION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

An application asking the consent of the town that the Southwest parish, Duxbury, the Mile Slip, and a part of Hollis should be incorporated as a town having been made, the select-

men called a meeting, which was held October 28, 1793, at which the town voted that the "prayer of the petitioners be granted, so far as this town is concerned, on condition that the petitioners pay their part and proportion of any debts now due from the town, and continue to pay their proportion of maintaining any poor to whose maintenance the town of Amherst is now subject."

The consent of the town of Amherst having been obtained, an act was passed by the General Court on the eleventh day of January, 1794, incorporating the town of Milford, including in the new town the southwest part of Amherst, the Mile Slip, Duxbury school farm, and a part of Hollis.

The act of the legislature incorporating the town was approved by the governor, January 11, 1794. The organization of the town was perfected March 4, of the same year, and the following business transacted: Augustus Blanchard, Jacob Flynn, and Benjamin Hutchinson were elected selectmen; Augustus Blanchard, town clerk, and William Crosby, town treasurer. John T. Gilman received the entire vote of the town (25) cast for governor.

At an adjourned meeting held March 31, it was voted to rebuild the bridge across the river in the village, which had been carried away in a freshet. The new structure to be eighteen feet wide, and to be supported in the middle of the stream by a pier. The committee to see the work properly done was named as follows: Joshua Burnham, Solomon Hopkins, Benjamin Conant, Thomas Burns, and Jotham Shepherd.

RESIDENT TAXPAYERS IN MILFORD, APRIL 1, 1794.

Isaac Abbot,  
Isaac Abbot, Jr.,  
Samuel Abbot,  
Jacob Adams,  
Ebenezer Averill,  
Elijah Averill,  
James Badger,  
Reuel Baldwin,  
Joel Barker,  
Nehemiah Barker,  
Isaac Bartlett,  
Augustus Blanchard,

Isaac Blanchard,  
John Blanchard,  
Simon Blanchard,  
Stephen Blanchard,  
Widow Lucy Blanchard,  
Oliver Bowers,  
John Boynton,  
Richard Boynton,  
Richard Boynton, Jr.,  
Andrew Bradford,  
John Bradford,  
Caleb Brown,



Andrew Burnham,  
 Joshua Burnham,  
 Stephen Burnham,  
 Daniel Burns,  
 George Burns,  
 James Burns,  
 John Burns,  
 John Burns, Jr.,  
 Moses Burns,  
 Thomas Burns,  
 Simeon Butler,  
 Jonathan Buxton,  
 Robert Campbell,  
 Ballard Chandler,  
 Daniel Chandler,  
 Daniel Chandler, 2d,  
 Richard Clark,  
 Benjamin Conant,  
 John Crosby,  
 Josiah Crosby,  
 Samson Crosby,  
 Stephen Crosby,  
 William Crosby,  
 Robert Darrah,  
 David Duncklee,  
 David Duncklee, Jr.,  
 Jacob Duncklee,  
 Jacob Flynn,  
 Edward Foster,  
 Moses Foster,  
 Benjamin French,  
 Asa Gilmore,  
 Abel Gilson,  
 Asa Goodall,  
 Daniel Goodwin,  
 Jonas Green,  
 John Gutterson,  
 Samuel Gutterson,  
 Samuel Gutterson, 2d,  
 Simeon Gutterson,  
 Jonathan Hale,  
 Jonathan Hale, 2d,  
 Samuel Hartshorn,  
 Isaac How,  
 Stephen How,  
 Joseph Hoar,  
 Joseph Hoar, Jr.,

Joseph Hood,  
 Joseph Hood, Jr.,  
 Benjamin Hopkins,  
 Daniel Hopkins,  
 John Hopkins,  
 Peter Hopkins,  
 Solomon Hopkins,  
 William Hopkins,  
 Nehemiah Howard,  
 Jeremiah Hubbard,  
 Abner Hutchinson,  
 Bartholomew Hutchinson,  
 Benjamin Hutchinson,  
 Elisha Hutchinson,  
 Nathan Hutchinson, Jr.,  
 Timothy Hutchinson,  
 Daniel Johnson,  
 Caleb Jones,  
 Jonathian Jones,  
 Joshua Jones,  
 Joseph Knowlton,  
 Benjamin Lewis,  
 Jonathan Lovejoy,  
 Samuel Lovejoy,  
 Porter Lummus,  
 Jotham Lund,  
 Isaac Marshall,  
 John Marvell,  
 Joseph Melendy,  
 Nathan Merrill,  
 Joshua Mooar,  
 Stearns Needham,  
 Benjamin Nevins,  
 Josiah Osgood,  
 Aaron Peabody,  
 William Peabody,  
 Joseph Perry,  
 Daniel Person,  
 Ebenezer Person,  
 Jonathan Phelps,  
 William Powers,  
 Aaron Priest,  
 Nathaniel Rayment,  
 Jacob Richardson,  
 Ebenezer Sargent,  
 Nathaniel Seavey,  
 Simon Shed,

Daniel Shepherd,  
 John Shepherd,  
 Jotham Shepherd,  
 Daniel Smith,  
 John Smith,  
 Isaac Southwick,  
 Nathaniel Southwick,  
 John Stearns,  
 Edward Taylor,  
 Widow Taylor,  
 Widow Temple,

Bartholomew Towne,  
 Jonathan Towne,  
 Moses Towne,  
 Rebecca Upton,  
 James Wallace,  
 John Wallace,  
 Joseph Wallace,  
 Widow Mary Wallace,  
 John Willard,  
 Benjamin Wright.

At a meeting held in August, of the same year, Jonathan Moore, Nehemiah Howard, Daniel Burns, John Wallace, Stearns Needham, Augustus Blanchard, Jacob Flynn, Benjamin Hutchinson, Nehemiah Barker, were appointed a committee to properly divide the town into school-districts, and soon after a committee was chosen to enclose with a good board fence the burying-ground. This lot of one acre, together with the common, had before that time (1788) been given to the parish by William Crosby.

At a meeting held in November of the first year of the town's existence, it was voted that "all soldiers that may enlist and equip themselves to be ready to march at a minute's warning into actual service, shall receive eight dollars per month, including continental pay."

This action was had on account of an act of congress, passed in April, 1794, providing for the raising of a regiment of artillery and for detaching 80,000 men from the militia of the states in case their services were needed for the defence of the country. Congress took this action in view of the unsettled state of affairs at home and abroad.

It does not appear from the records how many men, if any, volunteered. It is certain that none went into actual service.

At the first town meeting James Wallace was licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, and January 6, 1795, Captain Joshua Burnham was authorized to sell, by retail or otherwise, American distilled spirits in the town of Milford. Captain Burnham had a store in the L of the large house he had built on the Lyndeborough road, known afterwards as the Jesse Hutchinson house. With the assistance of a few interested parties he had

constructed a bridge across the river south of his house, to accommodate his customers on the opposite side of the river. An attractive sign upon his store read "Rum sold Here." This bridge, although not a very substantial affair, was much used, while it stood and Captain Burnham continued to dispense new rum.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1795, the town having been classed with Brookline for the choice of a representative to the General Court, and Brookline voters attending the joint meeting at Milford, William Peabody, the son of the original settler, was chosen to represent both towns in the legislature.

At the annual meeting in March, 1796, one of the then burning questions came up for discussion under an article in the warrant, "To see if the town will exempt those persons who are unwilling to pay any ministerial tax in said town on pretension of their being of a different persuasion from being taxed in future."

The matter was debated at length, and the town, by a large majority, voted "not to excuse them." It does not fully appear whether these persons were compelled to pay because our fathers were determined that all should contribute, or because they were believed to be pretenders. Probably the former was the true reason.

At the same meeting the town chose grand jurors to attend the court at Amherst. For some time after the Revolution grand jurors were chosen in open meeting, with the same formality used in the choice of town officers.

At the annual meeting in March, 1797, Augustus Blanchard was elected representative from the classed towns of Milford and Brookline. He represented the town in 1799, the first year the town was allowed to send a member to the legislature on its own account. The same day the town voted to rebuild the county bridge, so called from the fact that in 1779, the county had built a bridge across the Souhegan river in the Mile Slip, it being then ungranted land, and the people living in that territory being unable to bear the expense of erecting a bridge of the character needed. In 1802, the bridge at Shepherd's mills was rebuilt. This was the third bridge at that place erected by the parish or town. The first stood eleven years; the second, eight years.

In the earlier years of the town's corporate history no matters of unusual interest seem to have come before the people. The two bridges across the fitful Souhegan, Shepherd's bridge in the village, and the county bridge in the westerly part of the town often were in need of repair, and the records show many votes in connection with propositions to repair and rebuild. Among the early acts of the town was the setting apart of land enough west of Shepherd's bridge for the location of a school-house.

The town, of course, had a pound, which at first (1798) was located near the present site of the stone blacksmith shop and near the old burying-ground, and later near the Osgood pond, not far from the geographical centre of the town.

In 1804, leave was given "William Peabody, Jacob Flynn, Ebenezer Averill, Joseph Wallace, Josiah Osgood, Daniel Burns, Josiah Crosby, and as many more as can be admitted, to occupy the ground between the school-house and Jonathan Buxton's barn on the north side of the road in building horse-sheds for their own convenience." These horse-sheds built under this permission are remembered by many now living.

In 1803, Jonathan Buxton was appointed bell ringer. His duties consisted in ringing the bell on Sundays for divine service and in tolling it at funerals. His compensation was ten dollars per year. The town also voted unanimously to pay a bounty of twelve and one half cents for all crows killed in town. The dead crows came in so fast that after a year's experience, under the suspicion that some of the birds presented for bounty were not killed in town, the vote was rescinded, and the town saved from threatened bankruptcy. The pews in the meeting-house belonging to the town were annually rented.

In the year 1800, the sense of the people was taken upon the question of revising the state constitution. One vote was given in favor of revision, and fifty-five against.

The town had a light infantry company as early as 1802, for in that year we find the town voting to furnish a uniform for the company.

The town's poor were sold <sup>1</sup>at auction, as it was called, as in

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<sup>1</sup> As showing the advancement which has been made in such affairs during the past seventy years it can be said that in a town in Hillsborough county, not seventy years ago, the town's poor were sold at the close of the annual town meeting, the moderator (the parish minister) acting as auctioneer. To help



other towns, i. e., once a year, usually at the close of the annual town meeting, the moderator officiating as auctioneer, the public was called upon to say at what price per week or year the support of each pauper would be assumed. The first offer constituted the first bid, and thereafter the auctioneer called for lower and still lower bids, until it was evident that no lower figure could be reached, when the maintenance of the pauper was struck off to the lowest bidder.

Slavery was never legalized or established by law in New Hampshire<sup>2</sup>, but it was tolerated and regulated, and slaves were owned and taxed as property up to 1789; after that date, in some instances, servants who had been held as slaves remained in the families in which they had lived, and were sometimes spoken of as slaves. How many persons have at any time been held in servitude upon the soil now the town of Milford cannot be ascertained, but the number is small.

It is said there were but two chaises owned in town as early as 1800, and that pleasure wagons were not used prior to 1810, and that then they were not provided with springs, the body of the carriage resting directly on the axle. The mail, at the time of the incorporation of the town and long after, was carried on horseback. The earliest post-route affording accommodations for this town was established from Portsmouth and Exeter to Amherst by way of Thornton's Ferry. The route was afterwards extended through Milford to Wilton and beyond. At a later day a route was established direct from Boston, by way of Nashua.

The first stage-coach in this vicinity was placed on the route from Amherst to Boston in 1795. It was a two-horse

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along the bidding, the auctioneer held in his hand a decanter filled (at the commencement of the sale) with new rum, repeatedly calling attention to the bead upon the liquor and to the rule of the sale that every bidder was entitled to a glass of spirit. The writer had this from an eye witness.

<sup>2</sup> A descendant of Captain Josiah Crosby informs the writer that there is a tradition in the family, that when his great-grandfather came to Milford in 1753, he brought with him two children, one white and the other colored; that the latter was obtained in the following manner: Mr. Crosby was one day in Boston, with his wife, making purchases. The mistress of the shop was complaining of the large number of children that from time to time appeared in the family of her negro wench, rendering her of little service as a servant. The shop keeper added that she did what she could to keep the number at home within bounds, by occasionally giving away a negro baby, and offered one to Mr. and Mrs. Crosby. They concluded to accept the gift, and named the boy Jeffrey. They sold him at the age of five years to go to Billerica, Mass., and a few years since it was said that he had descendants living in Dracut, Mass.



covered vehicle, and made the trip to Boston once a week. There was no change of horses, the same team making the entire journey. This stage was looked upon as one of the wonders of the times.

For a long time public conveyances from the seaboard going west of Milford, passed through the then important town of Amherst, but early in the century, an independent line of coaches was established from Nashua to Keene and the Connecticut river, stopping at Milford to change horses, and at times to take dinner. After the opening of the forest road, through Greenfield, Hancock, and other towns to Charlestown on the Connecticut river, and the improvements upon the great road to Keene, not far from 1835, the amount of travel by stage and otherwise through Milford became very large, and so continued until the opening of the railroad to Wilton in 1852. The amount of freight passing through town on these routes was very large, the regular baggage wagons being drawn by four, six, eight, and in one case nine horses. These stages and teams called for taverns at frequent intervals along the road. Not only was the public-house in the village well patronized, but fifty years ago the Dean tavern at Pine Valley, a few rods east of the county bridge, did a thriving business. The house now occupied by Edwin D. Searles on the Wilton road was at one time used as a public-house, and probably others, so large was the amount of travel on this great thoroughfare during the first half of the century.

During the winter the farmers from the west of the state and from Vermont, were accustomed to carry their produce to Boston on two-horse sleds, and upon their return trips bring such articles as they needed or would bring ready money. The writer (about 1848) counted fifty such teams in sight near the old Wright tavern in South Merrimack, all of which had come from the west through Milford or over the second New Hampshire turnpike through Amherst. It is not easy to over-estimate the amount of business done upon this great highway prior to the building of the railroads. Farmhouses in the vicinity of public-houses received the overflow of patronage and were made lively by the presence of strangers, generally respectable and substantial farmers.



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## CHAPTER IX.

FORMATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—EFFORTS TO  
OBTAIN A PASTOR—THE CHURCH AND TOWN UNITE IN A  
CALL TO REV. HUMPHREY MOORE—ORDINATION OF THE  
CANDIDATE AN IMPORTANT OCCASION—BELL GIVEN TO  
THE TOWN BY MR. PERKINS NICHOLS OF BOSTON—SUN-  
DAY-SCHOOL ORGANIZED IN 1827—OTHER DENOMINATIONS  
CLAIM RIGHTS IN THE TOWN MEETING-HOUSE—RIGHTS  
FULLY CONCEDED IN 1833.

The Congregational church was organized in the parish six years before the incorporation of the town.<sup>1</sup> The council met November 19, 1788, and consisted of Jonathan Livermore,<sup>2</sup> Abel Fiske,<sup>3</sup> John Bruce,<sup>4</sup> Moses Putnam, Ebenezer Rockwood, Richard Ward, Daniel Mansfield, and William Bradford.

In the proceedings of the council twelve persons are named as constituting the church, viz. :

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<sup>1</sup> The churches organized in Hillsborough county, previous to the commencement of the present century, are as follows:

Organized.		Organized.		Organized.	
Nashua,	1685	Wilton,	1763	Hancock,	1788
Hudson,	1737	Hillsborough,	1769	Milford,	1788
Amherst,	1741	Goffstown,	1771	Weare,	1789
Litchfield,	1741	Temple,	1771	Deering,	1789
Hollis,	1743	Merrimack,	1772	Greenfield,	1791
Pelham,	1751	Mason,	1772	Brookline,	1796
Lyndeborough,	1757	Francestown,	1773	Peterborough,	1799
New Ipswich,	1761	Mont Vernon,	1780		

<sup>2</sup> Rev. Jonathan Livermore, a native of Northboro, Worcester county, Mass., born in 1739, was graduated at Harvard college in 1760; was the first minister of Wilton, being ordained there in 1763. He sustained the pastoral relation in that place about fifteen years, when he was dismissed, but did not leave town, remaining till his death, which occurred July 20, 1809, aged 79 years.

<sup>3</sup> Rev. Abel Fiske was born at Pepperell, Mass., May 28, 1752; was graduated at Harvard college in 1774; taught the grammar school, and studied divinity at Concord, Mass.; was ordained at Wilton in November, 1778, and was pastor of the church till his death, which took place April 21, 1802, at the age of 50 years.

<sup>4</sup> Rev. John Bruce, the first minister in Mont Vernon, was born at Marlboro, Mass., in 1757; entered Dartmouth college at the age of about twenty years; was graduated in 1781; was settled in 1785, and continued his pastorate till his death, which occurred March 12, 1809.



Stephen Burnham,  
Caleb Jones,  
Elisha Hutchinson,  
John Wallace,  
Joseph Wallace,  
Nathan Hutchinson,

Thomas Burns,  
Jonathan Towne,  
Benjamin Conant,  
Benjamin Hutchinson,  
William Melendy,  
Jonathan Jones.

Attached to the covenant are seven additional names, viz. :

James Wallace,  
Hannah Bradford,  
Mary Burnham,  
Sarah Hutchinson,

Letitia Wallace,  
Mary Wallace,  
Betsy Wellace.

The first meeting was held at the house of William Crosby soon after the organization, when Elisha Hutchinson was chosen clerk, which office he held till his death.

At this meeting an examining committee was chosen, and it was decided that "applicants for admission might relate their religious experience verbally or in writing, and that no persons should be admitted who would not come up to the standard of full communion." The next year several meetings were held, but they related solely to the discipline of a member. Then follows a period of nearly six years in which no meeting seems to have been held. After the organization of the town, the church took a new name. For six years it had been known as the Third church in Amherst, but then became the First Congregational church of Milford.

In 1795 the town and church voted to give Mr. Bailey a call to become their pastor, but he did not accept. In 1796, the church voted to give Mr. Randall a call. The town voted to concur with the church, and offered Mr. Randall a salary of \$350 per year, and to give him a settlement of \$50. Mr. Randall declined. Then follows a period of nearly two years, in which there is no record of any business meeting of the church.

In 1798, the town voted to give Rev. Mr. Fletcher a call to become their pastor, and offered him a salary of \$500 a year. The record of the church relative to the above is very deficient. It is inferred that the church and the town did not harmonize, for Mr. Fletcher did not accept the offer. At this time the church had been organized nearly ten years, but its existence



must have been merely nominal. It could only have lived in name, as no deacons had been chosen, nor members admitted, either by letter or by profession of their faith, and there is no record indicating that a communion season had been observed. In March, 1798, it was voted "to have the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered twice during the coming season," and two persons were appointed to wait on the table. Two additional persons were also chosen "for the purpose of conversing with those who should apply for admission," and the moderator was instructed "to call a meeting at any time, at the request of any seven members." In August, 1799, a meeting was held to consider the question of giving Mr. Micah Stone a call, but it was regarded as inexpedient. In the year 1800 the church, fifteen of the nineteen members present, voted to invite Mr. Thomas Beede to become their pastor, and the town concurred, proposing \$566 as a settlement, to be paid within one year after the ordination, an annual salary of \$333, and \$110 annually during his residence in town, after he should be unable to supply the desk. He declined, and the next year an unanimous call of the church was extended to Mr. Joshua Lane. It would be interesting at the present time to know what were the hindrances to the settlement of the various candidates, and how the matter in each case was treated by the parties in interest; but the records are silent on the subject.

In March, 1802, the church, nineteen members being present, invited Rev. Humphrey Moore to settle with them in the gospel ministry. The town concurred, in April, and chose a committee of fifteen to determine what settlement and salary was proper to offer Mr. Moore for his services in the ministry. This committee, after consideration of the matter one hour, reported \$600 as a settlement, to be paid or to become due in one year after the ordination, \$400 as an annual salary, and a gratuity of \$100 per annum while he should remain their minister and be unable, through infirmity or old age, to supply the desk. Mr. Moore gave an answer in the affirmative, as follows:

"MILFORD, Aug. 2, 1802.

"*Men and Brethren:*

Having received your invitation to take the pastoral care of the flock in this place, I feel myself under obligations to make

you my grateful acknowledgments for the honor of your general approbation.

"After much deliberation, with diffidence in myself, with hope in your candor, of your tenderness and long forbearance with inexperienced youth, with hope of the continuance of your present peace and unanimity, and with dependence upon God for wisdom profitable to direct, I give my answer in the affirmative.

"H. MOORE."

And on the 13th day of the following October he was ordained, the exercises on the occasion being,—

1. Anthem.
2. Introductory Prayer, by Rev. Ebenezer Hill, of Mason.
3. Sermon, Luke IX, 60, by Rev. Elijah Dunbar, of Peterborough.
4. Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. Jacob Burnap, of Merrimack.
5. Charge, by Rev. Jeremiah Barnard, of Amherst.
6. Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Lemuel Wadsworth, of Brookline.
7. Benediction by the pastor.

With the settlement of the new pastor, a brighter day dawned upon the church. The month following, a confession of faith was adopted (the one now in use in the church) and stated communion seasons agreed upon—steps indicating faithful, earnest work. At the time of Mr. Moore's ordination, the church had been in existence about fourteen years, but had no additions except on one occasion, and then by letter. The subsequent year witnessed the membership doubled, thirty-two being added on profession of their faith and seven by letters from other churches, and the election of John Wallace and William Lovejoy as deacons.

Mr. Moore, a graduate of Harvard college and fresh from his theological studies, at once took a prominent place in the affairs of the town, county, and state, which he maintained during his long and useful life.

The ordination of the first minister of the parish was a matter of much interest to all the people. As soon as the day was fixed, the town selected a committee "to regulate the music upon ordination day and upon the Lord's day." William Crosby, William Peabody, Josiah Osgood, Augustus Blanchard, and





*Humphrey Moore,*



*Mary J. F. Moore.*





Moses Newell were appointed a committee to provide for the council. Documentary evidence is silent as to the exact nature of the provision which the committee were expected to make for this particular council, but from the fact that the town had no sooner elected these men to this important position than it proceeded to elect Captain Osgood, Major Burnham, Oliver Spalding, Josiah Taylor, Christian Hopkins, Jacob Flynn, and Isaac Abbott a committee to keep order on that day, it may be that the town apprehended that this committee would make the same provision for the ministers that a former committee had made for the raisers of the meeting-house.

After providing for the council and good order on ordination day, the town voted "To raise thirty dollars to be laid out in instructing the singers in Milford, ten dollars of which is to be laid out in tuition and extra expenses." This expense was incurred by a formal vote of the town that the occupants of the singing pew might make a commendable appearance upon ordination day, which was to be by far the most important occasion the parish or town had seen; and such it proved. Half the population within a radius of twenty miles attended the ordination. A large platform was erected in front of the meeting-house and the services held upon it, the windows communicating with the house having been taken out. A band of music escorted the candidate for ministerial honors from his boarding-place (the Peabody farm), more than a mile distant. At the conclusion of this service the same band, while the services of the ordination were going on upon the stage, furnished music for a dancing party in a hall on the other side of the common, and a person standing midway could have obtained an intelligent idea of both exercises.

In November following, a meeting of the town was called "To see if the town will erect a belfry in which to hang a bell, which is contemplated being given by Mr. Perkins Nichols, of Boston." The town voted "To build a belfry uniform with the one at Francestown." The belfry was subsequently built, and the bell, the gift of Mr. Nichols, placed in it, where for nearly seventy years it did good service, sounding forth merry peals upon festive and patriotic occasions, and solemn dirges, as one after another of the forefathers passed away; and now it has a

new lease of life in the tower of the new town-house, to perform for this generation and its successors the offices it rendered the fathers.

Until the year 1834, the house was regularly occupied for religious services. In 1847 it was turned halfway round and moved about four rods to the northeast, the square pews taken out, and the interior remodelled, to make it more convenient for the general purposes of a town-house. At the same time the house was raised sufficiently to admit of the building of two stores upon the first story. The front of the then remodelled house was toward the south.

The year following the settlement of Mr. Moore witnessed large additions to the church, thirty persons uniting. Prior to the year 1803, no person had become a member on profession of faith, and but few by letter, although the church had been organized fifteen years.

In 1809, a Baptist church was organized, with twenty-nine members. In 1816 and 1817, the Congregational church received large accessions. For a generation, or more than thirty-three years, our fathers and mothers worshipped in a house without a fire, except as the aged women were allowed to carry a few coals in foot-stoves. In the year 1824, the town voted to purchase two stoves for the meeting-house, and after due deliberation and examination, they were placed in the house the following year. For some reason no fire was made in the stoves the first Sunday after their introduction, but it is related that one good lady withdrew from the house during service, declaring that she could not enjoy the preaching in so hot a place.

The Sunday-school was organized in 1827. The year following was marked by large additions to the church. In 1831 a revival of great power prevailed in town, and during that and the following year the church was refreshed in spirit and increased in numbers as never before, and it began to realize that it could stand alone and go on without the aid of the town. Outside the Congregational church, the feeling was increasing that what remained of church and state ought to come to an end, leaving the religious society or societies to care for themselves.

August 25, 1832, the town and Mr. Moore, at his request,

dissolved the legal relation entered upon at the time of his ordination, thirty years before. The members of the Congregational church, and the inhabitants of the town sympathizing with them in polity and doctrine, at once organized themselves under the General Statutes of New Hampshire into a religious society, and took the name of "The First Congregational Society in Milford;" and this society at once assumed and became responsible for Mr. Moore's support, and he became the minister of the First Congregational society.

In January, 1833, the town voted that each denomination should have the use of the meeting-house a portion of the time, according to the tax-rates upon the books of the town, and voted that the portion of time allotted to the Congregational society should be six months in the year. During the time that the Congregational society did not occupy the meeting-house, Mr. Moore preached in Whitney & Bartlett's hall. This hall was in the building now known as Wallace's block, at the corner of Main and South streets.

Before the end of the year the Congregational society offered the town five hundred dollars for the house, to pay individuals for their pews (all that wished to sell), give the town the use of the house for all town business, and keep the building in good repair for all coming time. This offer was rejected by the town by a vote of 116 against to 113 for it. A change of two votes would have given the church and society the house. The proposition being rejected, there was no alternative but to arise and build. At a meeting of the society in November, 1833, it was voted "That it is expedient for this Society to build," and at a subsequent meeting it was voted to locate and build upon the potash lot, so called, which is the present location of the Congregational church edifice.

The Congregational church and society took leave of the town meeting-house in 1834. The new house was dedicated October 1, of that year, and, with the exception of an addition to its length of some twenty-five feet, by which twenty-eight pews were added, remains the same building that was erected at the time the town dissolved its relation with the church.

The following honored names make up the list of deacons serving the church in the old town-house: Dea. John Wallace,

Dea. Nathan Putnam, Dea. Robert Knights, Dea. Humphrey Peabody, Dea. William Lovejoy, Dea. Isaac Lund, Dea. Freeman Crosby.

The subsequent history of the Congregational church will be given in another chapter.







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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND CHAPEL,

## CHAPTER X.

### CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED—CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUBSEQUENT TO 1834—BAPTIST CHURCH—UNITARIAN CHURCH—METHODIST CHURCH—CATHOLIC CHURCH—EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN TOWN.

The ample lot on which the meeting-house stands was the gift of a prominent member of the church and society, Benjamin Wright. The deed, or indenture, by which the land is held and which bears date of Dec. 29, 1834, is a fine specimen of conveying, every word and line of which shows the purpose of the donor, in making the gift, that no doctrines except those of the Orthodox Congregationalists, as then understood, should ever be preached in the house standing on the land donated.

The house was built by subscription, with the intention of having a stock company to control the ownership; but it seemed necessary when the house was finished, to sell the pews and use the money so raised, in part, to pay off debts. The balance of the money accruing from the sale was paid to the subscribers, and the pew-holders became the virtual owners of the house, and are such to-day—a most unfortunate arrangement, as it leaves the society with no practical control of the pews for the purpose of raising revenue for the current expenses.

Mr. Moore preached in the new house but seventeen months. The church, at the time of his resignation, numbered two hundred and twenty-five, and was in a prosperous condition. The whole number admitted during his entire ministry, *i. e.*, from 1802 to 1836, a little more than a third of a century, was three hundred and thirty-five. His residence continued in town until his decease, in his ninety-third year. The last Sabbath he occupied the pulpit as pastor of the church, he preached two

sermons appropriate to the occasion. The following are extracts from the afternoon discourse :

“ My manner of life you all know, for I have been familiar with you in all the relations and conditions of life. At the bed of sickness you have had my sympathies, and my prayers. I have had some experience myself, and I knew how to feel for other's distresses. . . . I have been with you in prosperity, under a clear sky, the sun shining in its strength, and I have been with you in difficulty, difficulty which tried men's souls. I was with you, shoulder to shoulder, and breasted every impediment ; obstacles gave way, difficulty vanished, the cause of truth and righteousness triumphed, and by the grace of God, I now stand here ; and if I forget thee, O House of my God, let my right hand forget her cunning, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth ! In the course of the last thirty-three years there have been many and great changes. During that period, about four hundred and sixty deaths have occurred in this town. Death has been no respecter of persons. All along the road of life, from the cradle to the decrepitude of old age, he has gathered his victims. About one half the number which inhabited the town when I first came into it are gone. . . . Most of those, who then stood prominent on the stage of action, are gone. Here and there I see a decayed, leaning trunk, a hoary head and trembling limbs ; a new generation is before me.

“ I feel as if the results of my whole ministry turn very much on the impressions I make and leave this day. An ill-chosen word, an unguarded expression, an unholy feeling, might, perhaps, destroy more than I ever did in a year, or in my whole ministerial life. God of wisdom, direct me !

“ Church of God, companions in Christian arms, connected with myself by the tenderest ties and the dearest associations, I have often urged upon you the necessity of growth in grace, of advancement in holiness, of a higher tone of piety, of greater sacrifice and action for the cause of Christ. It is a day of progress. The system of universal nature seems to have received a fresh impulse. It is a day for great things ; great effort must be made, and great objects will be accomplished. The church must not lag behind. The spirit of the age demands your vigilance and activity. The Spirit of God demands your highest and holiest energies. Gather light from the Word, and from the Sanctuary. Gather spiritual animation from the divine throne. Take courage from every occurrence and from every circumstance, and persevere in the work of the Lord. I entreat you in the language of the apostle, ‘ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the

same thing ; and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment, keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.'

"The place where I now stand is to me the dearest spot on earth. Everything conspires to make it so. I leave it ; but wherever I am, I will look this way, as the Jews always looked toward their temple with prayer, and it shall ever be my devout supplication, that the cloud, which rested on the tabernacle, that he who dwelt in the cloud may ever dwell here, and display his glory in the midst of you and to succeeding generations."

How well he kept his promise, and what a good parishioner he was (the greatest evidence of grace a retired clergyman can give), every pastor who filled the pulpit during his lifetime has testified.

Rev. J. W. Salter was installed two months after Mr. Moore's resignation, and was dismissed October 21, 1838. The records indicate that during this pastorate the utmost harmony did not prevail, although the membership of the church was increased by twenty-two additions. Differences which had arisen during Mr. Salter's ministry increased after his departure, and the church decided to call a council to advise them what to do in their trouble. This is the only council ever called by this church to advise or help settle any internal difficulty. The trouble seems to have been very soon adjusted. In a few months the church and society, with great unanimity and enthusiasm, united in giving Abner B. Warner a call to become their pastor, and in February, 1839, he was ordained. After a pastorate of a little more than seven years his health failed, and he was dismissed October 27, 1846. His labors were greatly blessed ; one hundred and two united with the church during his ministry. As a speaker he possessed great power ; as a writer his diction was simple, yet forcible ; as a preacher he was earnest, and at times pathetic. His tone and manner evinced the tenderness and spirituality of his heart. As a pastor, he was preëminently kind and sympathetic.

Mr. Warner came to the church at a critical time, and he proved himself equal to all demands. The church and society had at an early day espoused the temperance cause, and were at the time of his settlement taking up the slavery question as



a matter which must have the attention of Christian people. In 1840 Parson Moore represented the town in the legislature through the influence of the anti-slavery people, and took an active part in the discussion of the slavery question presented to the house by a communication from the governor of one of the Southern states. By the vote of the anti-slavery party he was the next year made a member of the state senate, and did what he could to advance the cause which was so dear to his heart.

In less than two years after Mr. Warner had become pastor, we find the church passing the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That we believe slaveholding to be contrary to the spirit of the Gospel, and that it threatens the peace, purity, and permanence of the religious institutions of the land, and greatly embarrasses the operations of Christian benevolence.

*Resolved*, That we as a church earnestly protest against the course, wherever pursued, of receiving into the treasury of the Lord the avails of unpaid labor—the price of slaves, and the souls of men.”

At the annual Thanksgiving service in 1842, Mr. Warner preached a sermon of great power, in which we find the following burning words :

“ No ! the soil of the Pilgrims shall not be trod by the human hounds that hunt for the panting fugitive. We will resist the aggression of the lords of rice-tierce and cotton bales ; not with violence and blood, but with that burning righteous public opinion that better than cold steel and bristling bayonets will keep off the enemies of the race.”

The sermon was printed at the unanimous request of the parish, and stands to-day a most eloquent witness to the position of pastor, church, and society at that early day upon this question, which was then beginning to be agitated in religious bodies.

In 1844 the church published a series of resolutions denouncing slavery, which were followed by an invitation to all the churches of Hillsborough county to meet in convention at Milford for the object of discussing the anti-slavery question, and to take some action upon the subject. All Congregational churches were not as advanced as the brethren at Milford, and not being willing to indorse the position of the denomination at

large upon the slavery question, and because this church was not ready to cut loose from all pro-slavery churches, a score or more of respected and prominent members of the church here withdrew, and were called "come-outers." But no unchristian feelings were indulged or unkind words uttered, and in subsequent years, all those who came out for conscience's sake in the forties became again attendants at this church, or found a congenial home in the Unitarian church, excepting those who meantime had found a home in the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." In the great conflict, of which this generation has seen the end, this church has a record of which it need not be ashamed.

After leaving Milford, Mr. Warner had a pastorate of six years at Medford, Mass., where he died in office in May, 1853.

In March, 1847, the church and society united in giving Rev. Lyeurgus P. Kimball a call, and he was installed May 19, 1847. Mr. Kimball was a man of eminent piety, and labored with great earnestness and accomplished much good. His health failed, and he was compelled to leave his work in August, 1848. Twenty-two united with the church during his ministry.

In November, 1848, the church and society gave Rev. E. N. Hidden a call. He declined, giving as his reason his relation to his own people. In April, 1849, the church and society renewed their call; he again declined. In September, 1849, the committee of the church and society visited Mr. Hidden, bearing a written request, signed by all the male members of the church and society, urging him to reverse his decision and become their pastor. In October he sent his letter of acceptance, and November 21, 1849, was installed. During Mr. Hidden's ministry the congregation increased until it became necessary to enlarge the house. The house was cut open in front of the pulpit, and twenty-eight pews were added. Mr. Hidden preached one Sabbath with an open space between him and his audience. In the early part of 1857, his eyes becoming so troublesome that he could read or write but little, he felt compelled to resign. In November, 1857, he closed his labors with the church and people, respected and loved by all who knew him. One hundred and seven united with the church during his ministry.

April 7, 1858, Rev. S. C. Kendall was installed pastor. In 1859 he asked to be dismissed in order to accept a call from another church. A council, mutually called, refused to advise the parties to dissolve the relation so profitably existing; but in 1860 his former parish made an earnest appeal for his return, and he resigned, closing his labors in Milford November 1, and was reinstalled at Webster, Mass., the following week. Thirty united with the church while he was pastor. He is remembered as a man of marked ability and spirituality.

May 1, 1861, F. D. Ayer was ordained pastor. His ministry commenced with the outbreak of the Civil war. He remained a little more than six years, and was dismissed September 8, 1867, to accept a call from the North church in Concord, where he still remains the honored pastor of one of the largest parishes in the state, and one of the best known and most beloved of the ministers of his denomination. Seventy-five united with the church during his ministry, and his work and influence in the town will be felt long after his earthly career is ended.

After the close of Mr. Ayer's labor, Rev. George F. Stanton was engaged to supply for six months. Before the expiration of this time the church voted to give him a call to become their pastor; the society did not concur.

In 1868, Rev. George E. Freeman was installed pastor, and was dismissed in December, 1871, to accept a call from the church in Abington, Mass. Thirty-two joined the church while he was pastor.

In 1872, Rev. George Pierce, Jr., was installed pastor, and remained for a little over six years. Two hundred and ten were added to the membership of the church. In 1878 he was dismissed to accept a call to Andover, Mass. Three years later he closed his earthly labors, having in a comparatively short career done much work for his Master. No deceased pastor is more tenderly remembered than Mr. Pierce.

In September, 1878, Rev. William A. Lamb was called as acting pastor, and remained until October 4, 1881. Thirty-two members were added to the church during the three years of his ministration, and a debt of more than seven hundred dollars was paid off. He left the church stronger than he found it, and in opposition to a unanimous desire of the parish that he remain.

June 28, 1882, Rev. Charles H. Taintor was installed. Two years later he was dismissed to take the office of field secretary of the American Congregational Union, a position he is now filling with marked success. The church received sixty additions during his term of service.

Rev. John C. Rollins was installed February 25, 1885, and was dismissed October 3, 1887, having received forty-nine to church membership. During his connection with the church the interior of the meeting-house was remodelled and repaired at an expense but little less than the original appropriation for building the house.

On the 20th day of November, 1888, the church, being one hundred years old, celebrated this anniversary. The services were attended by nearly all the members, resident and non-resident, and by citizens of the town and neighborhood in large numbers. The committee of arrangements, consisting of F. W. Farnsworth, D. S. Burnham, Dea. Moses French, Dea. Addison Heald, Dea. John E. Foster, Dea. Abel C. Crosby, and Dea. D. M. Heald, prepared an ample programme, which was carried out to the satisfaction of all. Dea. John E. Foster presided, making an opening address which, with the entire exercises, can be found in a neatly printed pamphlet issued soon after. Mr. D. S. Burnham read a carefully prepared historical address, upon which the writer has drawn largely in preparing this article. Rev. Dr. F. D. Ayer, Rev. W. A. Lamb, and Rev. S. C. Kendall, former pastors, made interesting addresses. Rev. Dr. J. G. Davis and Rev. F. D. Sargent were present—the former reading the Scriptures and offering prayer, the latter making the closing address. The services occupied the entire day and evening. Abundant refreshments were served in the chapel.

Rev. William Arthur Thomas was installed as the first pastor in the second century of the church's history, December 18, 1888; resigned and was dismissed April 28, 1892. Fifty were admitted to membership during the three years of his stay in town. His resignation was a surprise to the church and society. Mr. Thomas is now filling an important pulpit in the West.

Rev. H. P. Peck was installed April 28, 1892, and is now the esteemed pastor of the church.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

There were communicants of the Baptist church in town before its incorporation. They were few in numbers, and their residences were in different parts of the town. For these reasons they did not at first attempt the formation of an independent church organization, but connected themselves with the Baptist church at Mason. They were known as a branch of the church of Mason. They were allowed to observe the ordinance of communion by themselves, Isaac Bartlett, a deacon in the Mason church, officiating here. Elder William Elliott, of Mason, occasionally preached in town in private houses.

With the opening of the new century, these devoted men, maintaining their religious opinions, without the sympathy of the standing order, as the Congregational body was sometimes called, and without aid from the town treasury, began seriously to consider the question of building a house in which to worship God. Increasing membership seemed to warrant the doing of something in this direction. Many Baptists at this time had settled in the northwest part of the town and near each other. Upon the organization of the second school-district on the north side of the river, it was mutually proposed that the Baptists join the district in the erection of a school-house. The following are the records upon the subject:

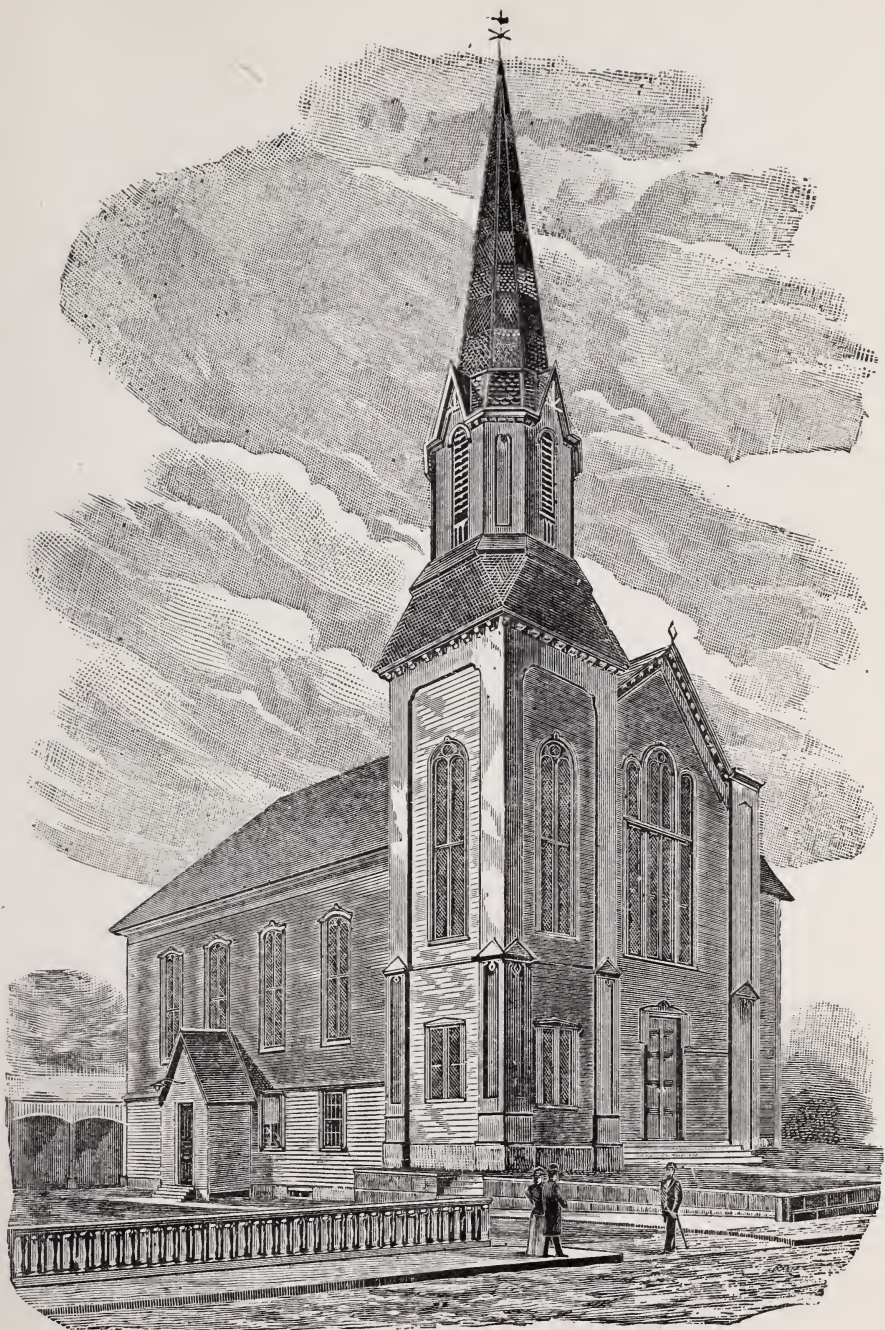
“April 24, 1806. The inhabitants of the second school district in the town of Milford met pursuant to a warrant to them directed by the selectmen of said town, and voted Isaac Bartlett moderator and Jacob Flinn district clerk.

“Voted: To build a school house twenty-six by twenty-four feet; ten and one half feet posts.

“Voted: To accept the following offer made by Isaac Bartlett, Andrew Hutchinson and Ebenezer Pearson for the Baptist denomination:

“Whereas the building of a school house in the second school district in the town of Milford is in contemplation, therefore, we, the subscribers, for ourselves and heirs, hereby promise and agree that we will pay all the land may cost more than four dollars, on which to erect the same, and set up and underpin the frame; the south and west sides with hewn stones, and the north and east sides with split stones: and deliver on the spot agreed to, for building the said house, one thousand feet of merchantable boards and one thousand board nails, on or





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before the tenth of June next ; and also bear our proportion in finishing said house ; provided we or any of ours of the Baptist denomination, in future, during the continuance of said frame or house may have the privilege of using said house for religious purposes on Sundays, and on other days, not to interfere or interrupt any school appointed by said district that may at any time be keeping therein, or any public meeting of said district duly warned and appointed therein, and that we will make good all damages done by our meetings, extraordinary casualties excepted.

“ Isaac Bartlett.  
Andrew Hutchinson.  
Ebenezer Pearson.”

April 24, 1806, the district voted to accept the proposition, and that the Baptist denomination should have the privileges desired upon the proposed conditions ; and also voted to raise two hundred dollars for the purpose of finishing a school-house.

That the Baptist denomination fulfilled their part of the agreement, we find by the following record :

“ October 10, 1806. In school meeting the following report was presented : ‘ We, the subscribers, committee for the second school district in said town, having viewed the work done and offered by the Baptist denomination, find the same to our acceptance.

“ ‘ John Wallace,  
Ebenezer Averill, } Committee.

“ Voted : To accept the above report.’ ”

Soon after this it was thought desirable to sever their relation with the Mason church and form an independent body, and an invitation was sent out for a council to consider the matter. The council met at the house of Andrew Hutchinson, September 5, 1809, at eight o'clock in the forenoon. It consisted of delegates from nine Baptist churches, viz., Dublin, Temple, Mason, New Boston, Weare, Hollis, Salem, Derry, and the second church, Boston. It was organized by choosing Elder William Elliott moderator, and Charles Cummings clerk. The sermon was preached by Elder Isaiah Stone, and the hand of fellowship was given by the moderator. The public exercises were held in the school-house, which was the place of worship until 1816. Thus the First Baptist church of Milford was

organized, and consisted of thirty members, twenty-eight of whom were from the Mason church. There have been connected with the church to the present time (January, 1893) nine hundred and twenty-five persons. The present membership is two hundred and sixty-four. The largest number uniting with the church in one year was sixty-one, in 1831.

The church was connected with the old Boston association until the organization of the Milford Baptist association, October 15, 1828, to which latter organization they reported as follows :

“We have enjoyed an interesting revival during the past year; twelve persons have been baptized; the church has done more for the cause of missions than in any preceding year; we recommend entire abstinence from ardent spirits; many of our members have set this example; in our Sunday School are sixty scholars; the school will continue through the winter.”

Elder William Elliott had the pastoral charge of the church the first three years of its existence, preaching the first Sabbath in each month. George Evans, a licensed preacher from South Reading, Mass., commenced his labors in 1812, and continued until July 1, 1817. Rev. Ezra Wilmarth was the first resident pastor, and preached for one year from September, 1817; Rev. Matthew Bolles, from October, 1818, to March, 1822; Rev. George Evans, from March, 1822, to 1824. Samuel Everett supplied the church from August, 1824; was ordained and settled as pastor January 12, 1825, and continued until April 27, 1832. Mark Carpenter succeeded him in April, 1833; was ordained March 5, 1834, and dismissed February, 1840; John G. Richardson was ordained April 22, 1841; dismissed February, 1845. Rev. O. O. Stearns was pastor from May, 1845, to February 7, 1848; Rev. Ira Person, from December, 1848, to May, 1853; Rev. Edward Anderson, from August, 1853, to September, 1858; Rev. J. W. Horton, from November 25, 1859, to March 25, 1862; Rev. W. B. Clapp, from April, 1863, to April, 1864; Rev. J. D. Tilton, from June 3, 1866, to May 4, 1873; Rev. R. B. Moody, from October, 1873, to December 28, 1879, Rev. L. J. Dean, from April, 1880, to June, 1882; Rev. H. W. Tate, from January, 1883, to October 1, 1886; Rev. A. E. Woodsum, from April, 1887, to February 23, 1890; Rev. J. V.



Stratton, from April, 1890, to July 15, 1892; Rev. F. L. Knapp, from December 1, 1892, to date (1893).

Andrew Hutchinson and Ebenezer Pearson were the deacons officiating from the organization of the church, until the infirmities of age compelled them to resign in 1843. William Wallace and Abner H. Bartlett, a son of Dea. Isaac Bartlett, of the Mason church, were appointed, February 27, 1843. Deacon Bartlett died July 19, 1852, and his son, George F. Bartlett, was chosen to take his place December 1, 1852, and continues to the present time. Dea. William Wallace having removed from town, Aaron Mills was chosen his successor June 2, 1855. He resigned May 4, 1878, and William P. Colburn was elected February 15, 1875. W. H. Ware and T. P. Fisher were elected July 1, 1886; the latter severed his membership May 31, 1889.

Dea. Ebenezer Pearson was elected clerk at the organization of the church, and served one year, and again for one year, from 1812 to 1813. Joel Howe served during 1810 and 1811; Allen Goodridge during 1813; Jesse Hutchinson for two years, 1814 and 1815; Dea. Andrew Hutchinson from 1816 to 1834; Dea. William Wallace from 1834 to 1854; Dea. Geo. F. Bartlett from 1854 to 1863; William N. Hartshorn during 1863; William P. Heald in 1864; David Goodwin from 1865 to 1876; J. M. Stanyan, 1876 and 1877; E. J. Parker, 1878 to 1881; G. A. Worcester from 1881 to 1887; E. S. Heald during the year 1887; E. C. Ware from 1888 to 1890; R. C. Bartlett from 1890 to the present time (1893).

The treasurers have been,—Dea. E. Pearson, Dea. A. Hutchinson, John Wallace, Benjamin Goodwin, John Mace, Calvin Averill, Daniel Putnam, Daniel Cram, J. Hood, Dea. A. Mills, G. L. Melendy, Mrs. A. R. Worcester, and Dea. W. H. Ware.

By an act of the New Hampshire legislature the First Baptist society was incorporated June 7, 1813. Their first meeting-house was built in 1816, upon the hill just south of the residence of the late W. P. Richardson, and was fifty-four by forty-two feet; without a spire; had square pews, and a pulpit (supported by two fluted pillars) so high that a man could stand upright under it. There were wide galleries, with a row of pews against the wall and free seats in front. After the frame was raised, boarded, and shingled, it was used for a while before



being finished. The finished house was dedicated February 11, 1817, Rev. Drs. Sharp and Baldwin, of Boston, preaching the sermons on that occasion. In 1836, the house was moved from the hill to its present location (it now being the Methodist Episcopal church), and a vestry finished underneath. In 1846 it was enlarged by the addition of fifteen feet to the front; a spire added; the pulpit reduced in height, the galleries reduced in width; the old pews changed for those of more modern design;—all at a cost of about seventeen hundred dollars. In 1856 a bell was placed in the spire, weighing 1,451 pounds and costing thirty-two cents per pound without the hangings, the total cost being five hundred dollars; the money was raised by the ladies of the society. In 1874 the pews were relinquished by the owners to the society, and a lot of land was purchased of George Daniels on South street for twenty-five hundred dollars and the present church built, which is eighty by fifty-five feet on the ground, and has a spire one hundred and fifty feet high, which contains the old bell. The interior contains a commodious audience-room with chapel, vestry, pastor's study, ladies' parlor, class-rooms, and kitchen with all modern conveniences, the cost of the whole being (including a fine pipe organ) about twenty-four thousand dollars.

In its membership we recognize the names of many who have done the town good service. At its beginning, the church and its clergy seem to have placed but little reliance upon the learning of the schools, but as time passed the opinions of its membership changed in this respect, and for the larger part of its history its ministers have been men not only of eminent piety, but also of sound scholarship and liberal culture.

For nearly a century has this church stood in this community, a power for good, at first with very limited accommodations in which to assemble upon the Sabbath and other occasions, and yet holding on and keeping the faith under all circumstances and conditions, until now it has a prominent place among the churches of the denomination in the state.





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UNITARIAN CHURCH.

## UNITARIANISM IN MILFORD.

Early in the present century the doctrines of liberal Christianity were taking root. This was true not only of this town, but of some of the adjoining towns. In the neighboring town of Wilton it had a foothold, and it told not unfavorably on the religious interests of the town, and some of its earlier ministers who preached a liberal gospel are remembered as burning and shining lights. Amherst, too, at one period, had a company of adherents to free religious thought, and the old court-house was not only a seat of justice, but of free religion as well; and later, under the leadership of Hon. Charles H. Atherton, they were able to have a church for their own use, which they occupied for a number of years.

In Milford, some of those who had undergone a change in their religious views were members of the Orthodox church in regular standing, and they were accorded some privileges which satisfied them for a time. They were allowed, a few Sundays each year, to select preachers of their own views; but this arrangement was not long satisfactory to either party. Those whose theological conclusions were in advance of the majority were conscientious, and only desirous of disseminating what to them appeared true Christianity. They accepted as true the tender affirmation of Rev. John Robinson to the Pilgrim church, that "God had new truth to reveal from His Word and Providence." They had discovered new truth which satisfied their reason and conscience, and they rejoiced in it. It emancipated them from the hard doctrines of Calvin and his followers. Many others joined them, and it was determined to form a third church (the Baptist already having an organization). To this end an act of incorporation was obtained in 1834, and accepted by the grantees. The records of the society are complete to October, 1841. No real estate was ever owned by the society. Between fifty and sixty heads of families volunteered contributions of money, and the preachers they wished to hear were invited to fill the pulpit.

The old meeting-house was used by this society whenever meetings were held after 1833 (the majority of the original Congregational church having given up their rights in the town

meeting-house and built a church edifice for themselves). Meetings were held as many months as money was subscribed to pay for. No debts were allowed to accumulate for future perplexity. The society never felt itself able to offer settlement to any minister, but, with Amherst uniting, by an agreement made with the Milford society, Rev. John B. Wright was invited, and, after supplying the desk through the summer of 1839, removed his family here in the autumn or early winter, and remained till the spring of 1841, giving entire satisfaction to both societies. Soon after, Mr. Wright was recalled to his former parish at Wayland, Mass., and the society worshipped in a hired hall during the summer months for a few years.

But from unavoidable causes the society was destined to an early decline. Mr. Atherton's death about this time deprived the Amherst people of their principal support and the ability to coöperate with the Milford society. The leading supporters of this society had died, or were removed for various reasons. Its decline may be dated in 1849. Its history as an organization ends here. Its vital spark had not, however, fled, and an occasional Sunday witnessed a company of worshippers. Liberalism had come to stay.

The second movement to establish a Unitarian society was made in 1870. In the autumn of that year a meeting was held in Odd Fellows' hall, attended by about twenty persons. The subject of forming a new religious society in the town of Milford was discussed, and much interest manifested. The next year the following was inserted in the *Farmer's Cabinet*:

"Notice is hereby given that William Lane, J. B. Moulton, George C. Gilmore, C. S. Averill, I. J. Burns, J. W. Pillsbury, and others have formed an association and taken the name of the First Unitarian Society of Milford, N. H., agreeably to the provision of the Statute authorizing the formation of voluntary corporations.

"[Signed] J. W. Pillsbury, Clerk.

"Milford, Feb. 1, 1871."

A ladies' association, anticipating the formation of the society, had been formed June 1, 1870, which took the name of "Ladies' Christian Union," which has ever done efficient work for the support of the society.



A Sunday-school has been coëxistent with the society. It even bridged over a wide space when preaching was suspended for lack of funds.

Preaching commenced in 1870 by temporary supplies, and in the year following the society had a more permanent supply in the person of Rev. John Edgar Johnson. He was a young man of ability and a pleasing speaker; but toward the end of the year his mind was leaning toward Episcopalianism, and he resigned. He was succeeded after an interval by Rev. Samuel R. Priest. He was a young man of fair address, but after several months his services were cut short by lack of means.

In 1873, in order to expedite the building of a house of worship, a proposition was made through Rev. A. M. Pendleton to the effect that several neighboring Unitarian ministers united would give a year's preaching on certain conditions. The ministers who volunteered their services were Rev. A. M. Pendleton, Rev. I. S. Lincoln, Rev. C. B. Ferry, and Rev. A. W. Jackson. The proposition was carried out on both sides in 1873 and 1874.

In 1875 the society purchased of Miss E. A. Livermore the lot on which the church now stands, for \$1,500.

Among other candidates, Rev. Loring E. Beckwith was the choice of the society for 1875. He was a young man of marked ability. He preached two years, and resigned.

No direct efforts were made to build a church till October, 1877. On the 21st of that month it was decided to employ Rev. A. M. Pendleton to come to this place to superintend the building of a church and preach for the society while it was building. On the 24th of December following, a building committee was chosen, consisting of W. H. W. Hinds, R. R. Howison, C. S. Averill, A. M. Pendleton, and William P. Richardson. It was resolved to build of stone, after a plan submitted by Mr. Rand, an architect of Boston.

In the spring of 1878 the committee were ready to commence operations. The walls were reared, the building covered, and chimneys built the first year. Afterward the work went on more slowly, and it was not till the 22d of August, 1880, that the first meeting was held in the vestry part, that part being first made ready for occupation. Up to that time the meetings

were held in halls. The auditorium was not ready to be occupied till June, 1888.

A brief description of the edifice may here be given. The stone work above the foundation is laid in ashler work. The greatest length of the structure is eighty-four feet ; the greatest breadth, eighty-one feet. There is a basement under the whole, and the floor above it is supported by forty brick piers. There are on the same floor, auditorium, vestry, parlor, library-room, kitchen and its appurtenances, minister's room, and vestibules. The auditorium will seat about two hundred and fifty persons, and the different rooms can be opened together, if need be, by rising doors. The rooms are finished to the roof, and the rafters and truss work are of finished Southern pine timbers. The roof is slated, and the windows are of stained glass. Two furnaces, a stationary and portable one, warm the two parts.

The dedication was in the afternoon of June 15, 1888, and all the parts were well and ably performed, Rev. Prof. Francis G. Peabody, of Harvard Theological school, preaching the sermon. An evening service was also held, in which important themes were discussed.

Mr. Pendleton's connection with the society was dissolved in July, 1888. In addition to his pastoral work, he was the leading spirit upon the building committee during the time the house was in process of erection. Soon after, the society made choice of Rev. Solon Lauer, a young man from Ohio. His ordination followed, January 9, 1889, Rev. M. J. Savage preaching the sermon. Mr. Lauer gave great satisfaction, but his pastorate proved of short duration, for, in a little over a year, owing to impaired health, he resigned, February 2, 1890. This caused much grief in the congregation, and he was induced to suspend his resignation and take a long vacation. Six months were voted to him ; but before the expiration of the time he wrote from his retreat in the West that he would not be in condition to return to his labors, and the society reluctantly assented.

In the autumn a call was given Rev. A. J. Rich, who had recently resigned a seven years' pastorate in Fall River, at a salary of \$1,200. After several weeks' consideration, he decided to accept. He commenced his regular labors with the year

1891. He is now (in 1893) a faithful and untiring laborer in the vineyard, and has done much to build up the society and extend its influence in the community.

#### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In the fall of 1852, Rev. S. Tupper and Rev. H. Moulton, members of the New England conference, came to Milford to confer with the few Methodists who had settled in the village. The result of the interview was that a series of meetings was held, those interested were very much quickened, a number were converted, and the Methodist Episcopal church of Milford was organized.

For a number of years the society was supplied with preaching from surrounding towns, or by students from the Biblical Institute of Concord, and the meetings were held in private houses, or in halls belonging to temperance and other societies.

In 1877 the old Baptist church was purchased at a cost of \$1,500, improvements were made upon the building costing about as much more, and it was dedicated August 19 of that year, when a sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Hamilton, of Boston. January 1, 1892, the last indebtedness on the property was paid, and now the society is free of debt.

The board of trustees at this time are as follows: P. Bartlett, W. W. Greenwood, J. R. Wilkins, A. W. Merrill, J. F. Grafton, Geo. A. Raymond, and A. G. Tinker.

Board of stewards as follows: A. W. Merrill, J. R. Wilkins, Henry Heald, P. Bartlett, J. F. Grafton, Abbie Bartlett, Susan M. Brown.

The first student who supplied the society from the Biblical Institute of Concord was J. W. Clough. The first board of stewards was appointed June 19, 1853, and consisted of the following: A. A. Farnsworth, J. Philbrick, C. Aiken. At this time the Rev. J. A. M. Chapman was the pastor, and J. Perkins the presiding elder. In addition to those whose names are already mentioned, the following have been prominent as officers and helpers in this church: Joseph Philbrick, Chas. Allen, Levi Dunklee, Jacob Gove, Andrew Raymond, Joseph

H. Fisher, Henry N. Austin, Barzillar Hinds, J. C. Davenport, G. E. Stowell, Joseph Cushing, Chas. Lovejoy, Ira Smith, R. Palmer, and others.

Among the women who are entitled to honorable mention are Lucy J. Cushing, Selina A. Hinds, Caroline Sabine, Hannah Smith.

After the church was organized, and Mr. Chapman was appointed pastor, the church was supplied with pastors only at irregular intervals. Among those who supplied was Rev. J. C. Emerson, who was appointed in 1855 and served for about two years; but from 1856 to 1872 no list or record can be found.

List of pastors from 1872: 1872, Rev. G. W. Ruland; 1874, Rev. C. W. Cressy; 1875, Rev. J. W. Bean; 1876, Rev. J. L. Harrison; 1878, Rev. E. Bradford; 1880, Rev. James Noyes; 1881, Rev. H. B. Copp; 1882, Rev. W. J. Murphy; 1883, Rev. G. W. Ruland; 1884, Rev. W. T. Johnson; 1887, Rev. C. H. Leet; 1889, Rev. A. W. L. Nelson; 1891, Rev. W. Woods; 1893, Rev. D. W. Downs.

The present total membership is seventy-four.

From the time of its organization this church has made itself felt in this community. Its membership has been zealous in maintaining a high degree of spirituality among its communicants as well as good fellowship and citizenship in town. The pastors who have ministered at this altar have been men of worth and culture, not only serving the church but the town at large as opportunities offered.

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MILFORD.

Its history in this, as in other towns of the state, is interesting and worthy of notice on account of its rapid growth.

The erection of the Souhegan mill was one of the principal motives of the Catholic settlement in this neighborhood. In 1848 the first Catholic family, that of Patrick O'Connor, arrived and took up its residence in a house since torn down, at the upper end of the Souhegan mill pond. Of the other families which soon followed were those of John Crane, Richard Barry, Mrs. James Finerty, Thomas O'Connor, Thomas Garrity, and Michael Holland.



The first official visit of a priest to the town occurred in November, 1853, Rev. William McDonald, of Manchester, having been called to administer the last rites of the church to Mrs. James Finerty.

Seven years after the first Catholic arrived, Rev. Fr. Donnelly, then a missionary, now bishop of the see of Clogher, Ireland, celebrated the first mass February 5, 1855, at the residence of Patrick O'Connor, in the presence of thirty persons. During the same year, Catholic services were held by another Catholic missionary, Father Daley. The following year the regular celebration of mass was begun by the Rev. John O'Donnell, of Nashua, whose mission extended as far as Concord.

By the united efforts of the infant congregation, St. Patrick's church was erected in 1859. The land on Souhegan street was the gift of John Finerty and Patrick O'Connor. It was enlarged in 1864 to twice its original capacity, and dedicated in 1867.

In May, 1868, Rev. Patrick Houlihan succeeded to the charge of the growing mission. His field of labor included the larger towns between Milford and Harrisville. In 1870, Right Rev. Bishop Bacon, of Portland, administered confirmation for the first time to many members of the congregation.

In July, 1876, Rev. E. E. Buckle became pastor of the mission, succeeding Rev. P. Houlihan, who was transferred to Keene. Divine services were then held twice a month until July, 1890, when the towns of Milford and Wilton were formed into one parish, and then the services of the church were held in each town regularly every Sunday.

In 1891, on the death of Rev. Patrick Houlihan, Rev. E. E. Buckle having been transferred to Nashua, this mission was placed in charge of Rev. P. L. McEvoy.

The increase of the Catholic population rendered necessary the erection of a more commodious church edifice, which was begun under the administration of Rev. E. E. Buckle in 1890. It is situated on Amherst street, 100x50 feet in size, will seat eight hundred persons, and when completed will have cost twenty thousand dollars. The basement, now complete, accommodates about five hundred. Indeed, it is in itself a beautiful church, well furnished with all that is necessary for divine worship, vespers, and other devotional services, which are held several



times a month. Mr. Edward Finerty, one of the old residents of Milford, and a staunch Catholic, deserves great credit for his unceasing zeal in the above work.

Should progress in the past be an omen for the future, then our Catholic fellow-citizens will have reason to be proud of the growth of the mustard seed.

#### PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION.

At present under the charge of the Rev. Charles Bancroft, M. A., rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua.

Episcopal services were held in town during the year 1879, the Rev. Jacob Leroy, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Nashua, officiating. A church guild was established with a membership of seven ladies. Monthly meetings were held, and from the work accomplished sufficient money was realized to defray the expenses of the services. The guild continued to hold meetings three months, and was then discontinued in the absence of two of the most active members. Soon after, the mission met with a serious loss in the death of Hon. Timothy Kaley, who was an active member and earnest advocate of the Episcopal church.

Seven years later interest in the Episcopal mission revived. Services were held once or twice a month, the Rev. W. H. Moreland from Nashua, officiating. The ladies' guild was re-established with a membership of twenty. Soon after the ladies' auxiliary was formed and considerable mission work was accomplished for the Orphans' Home at Concord, and the Holderness school.

The average attendance on church services during the year was excellent. Holy baptism was administered to four adults and one child. The bishop of the diocese confirmed two members. The subscriptions were sufficient to meet the running expenses, while generous donations from church people in and out of town enabled its members to lay the foundations of a church fund. At the close of the year the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$183.

During the intervening years, services have been held at different intervals, the rector of the parish generously officiating.

Each year entertainments have been given for the benefit of the church fund, which have been liberally patronized by the citizens. Special offerings from church friends in other towns have been received. The late Mrs. Lucia A. Rand from Middletown, Conn., generously gave the handsome sum of \$300, which was appropriated towards purchasing a lot of land near the centre of the town for the location of a church when needed. The family of W. H. Young, from Troy, N. Y., have given material aid, and interested others in this mission, particularly the members of the Holy Cross church in Troy, N. Y.

Since the establishment of the mission, holy baptism has been administered to six adults and fourteen children; six members have been confirmed by the Rt. Rev. W. W. Niles, bishop of the diocese. The communicants of the church now number fourteen members.

The mission owns a lot of land valued at seven hundred dollars, and its bank account shows a balance of seven hundred and forty-seven dollars.

Owing to a loss of members by death and removal from town the mission now languishes, but a few ladies in face of all discouragements, with earnest purpose and unfaltering devotion to the ancient order of the Holy Catholic Church, are untiring in their efforts for its establishment and perpetuation in this beautiful valley of the Souhegan.

## CHAPTER XI.

### THE ANTI-SLAVERY MOVEMENT IN MILFORD—AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL DOCUMENT—THE “COME-OUTERS.”

It can truthfully be said that in no town in New Hampshire were the seeds of opposition to the institution of African slavery earlier planted than in the town of Milford. From the time of the adoption of the constitution there were those who felt deeply upon the subject, and as occasion offered expressed themselves. Prior to the year 1840, meetings had been held in town and an interchange of views with anti-slavery leaders in other sections had upon the question which was becoming a burning one. Garrison, Phillips, Rogers, Foster, Pillsbury, Douglas, Kelly, Remond, and others were among the anti-slavery speakers who addressed the early anti-slavery gatherings in Milford.

In December, 1842, a call for an anti-slavery meeting in the old town meeting-house was published in *A Voice from the Jail*, a sheet issued by Thomas Parnell Beach, during his confinement in Newburyport jail, for, as he alleged, “opening his mouth in behalf of two and a half million of his enslaved fellow-men.” As an important historical contribution and an interesting paper, read in the light of all that has transpired in a full half century, the document is given entire.

RALLY! RALLY!! RALLY!!!

BEACH ANTI-SLAVERY MEETING AT MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE,  
JANUARY 4TH AND 5TH, 1843.

*Friendly Greeting to all the friends of Humanity and Christian  
Liberty to whom this may come :*

BRETHREN AND SISTERS: Nearly three millions of our kindred lie bleeding at our feet with uplifted and imploring hands entreating for help. Few only, will open their ears to hear the imploring cry, when it should arouse every emotion of the soul, and receive a hearty response from every friend of God and man. The Priest and Levite pass by on the other side; nor





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will they stop, or stoop to listen to the cries of their colored brother. Neither will they suffer others to plead his cause in the Rimmon houses over which they preside. A brother who dared to open his mouth for the wounded, mangled, and bleeding, *has been thrust into a felon's cell, and is there DYING BY INCHES!* Incarcerated by whom? By the professed *enemies* of Christ? No! but by those who *profess* to be his friends and followers! Oh! tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon, lest the *heathen* shall rejoice over that religion which imprisons him who will plead the cause of God's poor! **WHAT SHALL BE DONE?** Has New Hampshire nothing to do in the matter? Is not he one of her own most faithful and self-sacrificing sons, whose "Voice" we hear sounding through those accursed bars and grates? And were it not so, if we hold our peace, the stones will cry out against us. Anti-Slavery knows no geographical limits. Our country is the world, and every human being our countryman. *Beach is not alone imprisoned.* Our liberty, your liberty, **EVERY MAN'S LIBERTY IS IN JAIL!** Our principles are imprisoned, and we stand exposed to be, if we dare speak contrary to the will of the "brotherhood."

**COME ONE, COME ALL,** then, and let a voice like a tempest go forth from the Milford Convention, that shall make those cowardly organizations and clergy, who trample roughshod upon three millions of human beings, shake like aspen leaves, and rend or melt those bars and bolts that shut our brother from the free breezes of heaven, and lift the foot from the neck of the struggling slave. By your love for three millions of enslaved brothers and sisters, by your love for our imprisoned brother, by your love for universal liberty, in a word, —by your love to God and man, we invite you to come up to the Convention, baptized into the spirit of Liberty. Let there be such an Anti-Slavery gathering as has never been witnessed in the Granite State. Our houses shall be open, and we pledge you as good fare, at least, as the poor slave receives, or as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides for our engaged brother.

*Come, ye New Hampshire host!* Let Massachusetts and New Hampshire commingle their voices! Let the thundering eloquence of DOUGLASS and REMOND, and the soul-stirring tale of LATIMER, unite to break the death-like slumbers of the Granite State! Finally, we extend the invitation to every friend of humanity—to all who can feel for others' woes and others' wrongs.

Leonard Chase,  
Benjamin Gooden,

Charles A. Burns,  
Samuel Ames,

Benj. F. Hutchinson,  
 James Johnson,  
 Bethiah H. Johnson,  
 Mary I. D. Chase,  
 Luther Melendy,  
 Lucinda K. Melendy,  
 Abel Hutchinson,  
 John W. Hutchinson,  
 Eugene Hutchinson, Jr.,  
 Phebe B. Hutchinson,  
 Eliza R. Hutchinson,  
 Peter Burns,  
 John Burns,  
 Sarah E. B. Mills,  
 Frederick Benden,  
 Jesse Hutchinson, Jr.,  
 Ezekiel Mills,  
 E. G. Mills,  
 Susan D. Hutchinson,  
 E. H. Hutchinson,  
 Aaron Mills,  
 Abigail W. Gooden.

William Hays,  
 Dennis Holden,  
 Elhanan W. Hutchins,  
 Nathaniel Towns,  
 L. L. Flanders,  
 A. M. Flanders,  
 Sophronia Hutchinson,  
 Thadeus G. Holt,  
 Caroline Johnson,  
 Martin W. Hall,  
 Sarah C. Whitney,  
 Harriet Lovejoy,  
 Susan H. Hutchinson,  
 Nancy Wilkins,  
 Abby Smith,  
 Mary A. Dodge,  
 Gilman C. Jones,  
 Horace C. Jones,  
 John Mills,  
 Susan D. Burns,  
 Mary Abbott,

☞ Convention will be held at the Old Meeting House, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., January 4.

☞ Friends from abroad will call on LEONARD CHASE, who will direct them to places where they can be accommodated.

*Milford, December 19th, 1842.*

The signers of the foregoing call were well known and respected citizens, and most of them had, a short time before, withdrawn from the Congregational and Baptist churches, and had received and taken the name of "come-outers." These aggressive pioneers in the anti-slavery cause took issue with the churches because of lukewarmness or supposed lukewarmness upon the vital question of human slavery, and doubtless in many churches there was great need of plain and perhaps severe admonition, if not denunciation. But when we reflect that Parson Moore in 1840, upon the floor of the House of Representatives, and in 1841, in the senate of our state, had denounced the institution of slavery in unmeasured terms, and when we further reflect that that warmhearted servant of the most high God, Rev. Abner B. Warner, from the day he en-

tered the pulpit of the Congregational church, in February, 1839, until the day he left it, near the close of the year 1846, with the approbation of his congregation ceased not to cry aloud, with a pathos and an eloquence that few men could command, against the accursed institution of human bondage, we are compelled to say as impartial historians, that the offence of the Congregational church in Milford consisted in nothing worse than an unwillingness to break loose from ecclesiastical fellowship with churches apologizing for, or approving, this barbarous institution whose death blow was struck by the early abolitionists.

Not a few members of the churches were among the warmest friends of the slave. Conspicuous among this class were Dea. Freeman Crosby and his brother, Capt. Frederick Crosby, of the Congregational church. One Nathaniel Coggin during the early days of discussion attempted to prevent the holding of a free-soil meeting in the Congregational church edifice by surreptitiously obtaining the keys and nailing the windows and doors, and going out of town with the key to the only unbarred door of the meeting-house. The members of the parish rose as one man, broke open the doors, and the meeting was held. From the day of this meeting to the day of his decease, the man who undertook in this way to close the doors of the church against an appeal for human freedom was known as Key Coggin.

The Hutchinson family, coming upon the stage of action at a most opportune time, acted a conspicuous part in the formation of anti-slavery sentiment in town, and throughout the length and breadth of the land. Their wonderful power as vocalists, together with the ability to compose such poetry as the times demanded, made them a mighty factor in the social revolution which began half a century ago.

The signers of the call for the Beach meeting were reinforced from time to time by large numbers of intelligent and earnest men and women, until the number of those who were called "come-outers" was sufficient to make a respectable audience as they met upon Sunday and other days for conference, and to hear eminent speakers from abroad. Not only was the subject of slavery discussed, but all kindred topics of a social and religious character. These meetings were of especial interest

whenever the Hutchinson family were at home and aided by their God-given voices in the success of the meetings.

The "come-outers" had no organization and kept no records. They had no officers bearing authority. Every man was a priest, and every woman a priestess. Jesse Hutchinson, Jr., and John Ramsdell were among their poets. They were earnest men and women, dominated by a great purpose, holding the great truth that all men are equal in the sight of God, and should be before the laws of men,—that there should be the fullest liberty of religious opinions.

As time went on, and the anti-slavery sentiment in town became well nigh universal, meetings ceased to be held, and the name Come-Outer gradually became a thing of the past.



*David Goodwin.*





## CHAPTER XII.

WAR OF 1812—MEXICAN WAR—WAR OF THE REBELLION—  
THE CITIZENS AROUSED IN APRIL, 1861—A FULL COM-  
PANY OF SOLDIERS LEAVE MILFORD MAY 7—ACTION OF  
THE TOWN AS TO VOLUNTEERS—VARIOUS CALLS OF THE  
PRESIDENT FOR SOLDIERS—VOLUNTEERS—DRAFTS—WOMAN'S  
SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY—NAMES OF WOUNDED AND DE-  
CEASED SOLDIERS—LIST OF SOLDIERS FURNISHED BY THE  
TOWN—NAMES OF SOLDIERS NOW LIVING IN TOWN WHO  
SERVED IN THE WAR.

The War of the Revolution was passed and the independence of the colonies established, but good feeling did not exist between England and her late subjects. Great Britain was arrogant in her demands, and in her bearing toward the smaller and weaker governments. Our people were jealous of their rights.

In 1794 and 1795, war was averted by a treaty entered into between the parties, through the good management of our envoy, Mr. Jay.

The confiscation by the United States of the landed estates of those who had refused to take up arms against the mother country and had fled to England during the struggle for independence, and the extravagant claims put forth by the island empire as to its rights upon the high seas, were a constant source of irritation and contention. Matters came to such a pass that in November, 1811, President Madison called an extra session of congress, and in his message recommended preparation for war. War was declared June 18, 1812, by an act of congress.

At the request of the president, Governor Langdon issued an order May 29, providing for the detachment of 3,500 men from our state militia to be organized into companies, battalions, and regiments, to be ready for service upon the shortest notice.

Governor Plumer succeeded Governor Langdon, and one of his first official acts was to represent to the president the de-

fenceless condition of the harbor at Portsmouth. This information called out an order from the secretary of war upon Governor Plumer to order into the active service of the United States such number of the previously mentioned 3,500 men as in the opinion of the governor were needed to defend our only seaport. Under this and succeeding orders, men were accepted as volunteers or drafted into service.

The following Milford men enlisted or were drafted (under one call the term of service was sixty days, under another ninety days): Peter Burns, James Blanchard, James Batchelor, John Campbell, John Dunclee, Nathan Hall, Henry Hutchinson, Chase Pike, Moses Prescott, Samuel Roby, Simeon Veasy, Jeremiah Howe, Zadock Jones.

These men were stationed at Portsmouth, and were discharged at or before the expiration of their term of enlistment.

In addition to the soldiers furnished by New Hampshire for the defence of her seacoast, the state furnished a detachment of militia for the defence of our northern frontier, and a respectable number of volunteers for service in the lake region, where under our own Miller and McNiel were fought the great battles of the war.

Some of these soldiers who performed military service outside the state, subsequently became citizens of Milford.

After various successes and reverses the war, which was unpopular in Milford, came to an end. The treaty of peace was signed December 24, 1814, and ratified February 17, 1815.

A national fast day was appointed by the president at the opening of the war and one near the close of the war. Parson Moore preached a sermon upon both occasions. These sermons were printed.

#### WAR WITH MEXICO.

So far as is known, Milford furnished no soldiers for this war. Richard H. Pierce, now a resident and a veteran of the Civil War, served in the navy in the War of 1846.

#### WAR OF THE REBELLION.

President Lincoln was inaugurated March 4, 1861. On the 12th day of April following, the war was commenced by the

rebels attacking and capturing Fort Sumter in the harbor of Charleston, S. C. The people of the North were aroused to the gravity of the situation. They rallied in every village and hamlet and in the great cities by hundreds and by thousands, and tendered their services to the general government. April 15th, President Lincoln called for 75,000 men, and New Hampshire was called upon for one regiment of three months men, which was quickly raised by volunteers, mustered into the United States service May 7, and started for the seat of war May 25.

The people of Milford were among the first to respond to the call of the president. Not only did the town at once place itself in a position to do its full part in putting down the rebellion, but it took action in the early part of the conflict, looking to a perpetuation in substantial records of the good work done at home as well as upon the battlefield, by selecting Mr. David Goodwin to act as historian of the war. Mr. Goodwin executed his commission, and his war record, now among the files of the town, is an enduring testimonial to his faithful work. The following pages are for the most part a reproduction of his invaluable papers. It may seem to some that too much space is given in a volume of limited size to the doings of the town during a period of four rapidly passing years. But when we reflect what years these were, what stupendous issues hung upon the outcome of those days, and how many citizens of the town in one way and another were actors in those tragic scenes, it must be agreed, that whatever else is left unnoticed, the glorious part taken by the town in this, the great conflict of all time, shall be recorded at length. If, as Milton says,

“They also serve who only stand and wait,”

what shall we say of the noble men and women who at home gave the larger part of their time to the advancement of the same holy cause for which and in which fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons died upon the battlefield, or at home, as the result of the war's exposure?

#### FIRST CALL FOR SOLDIERS.

Upon the requisition of the president in April, 1861, for volunteers, a recruiting office was immediately opened at the

town hall, and the names of forty-six men were soon enrolled, viz. :

“George H. Gillis, capt., John C. Clark, George E. Hartwell, John Maha, Ozias Wright, Loammi B. Ward, Charles F. Conant, John F. Crosby, Richard Mahar, Robert McKenzie, Francis Divan, John Brown, A. McArthur, Thomas Gourley, Sylvanus Adams, Alexander McRobbie, James McRobbie, D. P. Wood, William Merriles, Jeremiah Lyon, George H. Drew, Norman Burdick, William H. Ramsdell, 1st lieut., G. J. Lovejoy, William Abbott, Charles Prew, Alfred F. Lynch, Edwin F. Lund, Charles F. Crosby, Thomas B. Hall, Samuel F. Jones, George Worcester, Daniel H. Greene, Albert S. Hutchinson, William D. Coffin, Samuel Dolbear, Albert A. Cochran, James Bonner, Eugene H. Amsden, James G. Williams, John B. Burns, Abner W. Osgood, William H. Howe, George Clarke, John W. Crosby, John H. Lund.”

The company, under the command of Capt. George H. Gillis, left for Portsmouth on the 7th of May, 1861. It was made up of soldiers from the following towns, viz. : Milford, 46 ; Amherst, 13 ; Wilton, 11 ; Mont Vernon, 5 ; New Boston, 5 ; Lyndeborough, 2, and a few from other towns—making in all 93. These ninety-three men (46 from Milford) made choice of George H. Gillis as captain, William H. Ramsdell as first lieutenant, and James B. David of Amherst as second lieutenant.

New Hampshire furnished but one regiment under the first call of the president for three months volunteers, and Milford furnished but five men for the First regiment, viz. : Grosvenor A. Colby, W. W. I. Robbins, J. M. Blanchard, Thomas L. Livermore, and Charles Nutting.

The Milford company was enlisted for the Second regiment, of three months men, but soon after they were ordered to Portsmouth the order for three months men was countermanded and the Second regiment was enlisted for three years. Nineteen of the Milford company who were then at Portsmouth enlisted for three years.

Of these nineteen, seven were from Milford, viz. : James Bonner, Alexander McRobbie, Francis Divan, William H. Ramsdell, Daniel H. Greene, Albert S. Hutchinson, and William D. Coffin. The remainder of the company remained at Portsmouth until the expiration of three months, and were then discharged.



At an informal meeting of the citizens of the town holden on the 22d of April, 1861, a committee consisting of George Daniels, William Ramsdell, Oliver W. Lull, Daniel Putnam, and Clinton S. Averill was appointed to "act in behalf of the town in relation to all matters connected with the enlisting and equipping of a company of volunteers, and furnishing aid and support to the families of such enlisted members as belong to this town."

At a legal town meeting on the 11th of May, the committee reported their doings up to that time, which was sanctioned by the town, and the committee retained in office for further service. At the same meeting a resolution offered by George Daniels was passed, viz. :

"That the selectmen be instructed to borrow a sum not exceeding \$3,000, and that such portion thereof as may be required be appropriated to pay the expense of an outfit with incidental expenses, and to furnish assistance to families of such citizens of this town as have enlisted and been mustered into the service under the first call of the president of the United States for volunteers."

The committee also reported that they had, conjointly with the citizens of Milford and towns adjacent, accomplished that purpose, i. e., of raising and furnishing a company of soldiers.

The committee recommended that, in addition to dress and arms furnished by the state, the soldiers of this town be allowed as follows :

"Previous to being accepted by the state, \$11 per month and board ; after being mustered into service, \$7 per month in addition to government pay ; also a revolver and India rubber blanket to each man (beside such other articles for the promotion of cleanliness and health, and to meet possible contingencies, which patriotic ladies were then providing for them). To our soldiers who have families, a farther additional allowance as follows : A wife, \$6 per month ; a wife and one child, \$8 per month ; a wife and two children, \$10 per month. Where the number of children is above two, or where sickness occurs in any family, additional assistance to be discretionary with the committee."

The recommendation was adopted by the town.

At another town meeting on the 27th of September, 1861, the report of the committee by George Daniels, stated as follows :

“ Paid extra compensation to 24 men with families, \$343.05 ; assistance to their families for time of service, \$399.56 ; extra pay to single men, \$7 per month, \$331.22 ; deposited in savings-bank, for George Worcester, \$21.00 ; 48 rubber blankets, \$68.-40 ; handkerchiefs and towels, two to each man, \$18.64 ; money for revolvers to 43 men, \$516.00 ; for music at Portsmouth, \$5.00 ;—amounting to \$1,704.87. Due from state and towns, \$165.23 ; leaving, \$1,539.64 to be paid by taxation.”

The above report was adopted by the town.

#### REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY.

“ March 28, 1862.

“ There was no hamlet so obscure in the United States in the early part of the year of our Lord 1861, that its inhabitants did not thrill with horror at the mad wager of battle cast before them by the defeated, fierce, ambitious leaders of the Southern slave power. Their sceptre of power had departed from them with the exit from office of the last “ Democratic ” president. They would not even in name submit longer to constitutional law. They had instigated the old barbaric force to throw itself again in the path of progress. Almost with unanimous voice the North said, “ We will meet this force on the battle-field, and may God speed the right.” Lightning flashed intelligence, steam lent her wings, and Northern patriots met the foe. Woman lent her aid to speed swiftly husband, brother, friend, and citizen to save our capital Washington. Unorganized, she helped clothe the soldiers who had volunteered from every peaceful pursuit. Organized, she continued her labors to render the hospitals of the United States, and other temporary hospitals hastily prepared for the volunteers, comfortable for the sick and wounded.

“ In Milford, a society was organized called “ The Women's Soldiers' Aid Society ” in October, a woman paying twenty-five cents, and honorary members paying fifty cents, or more. One hundred and thirty-eight dollars was collected by membership and by levees. Women met once a week to sew and knit, while some devoted a great part of their time in laboring for the soldiers' comfort. Six barrels of articles most essential to hospital service were sent on their errand of love before the close of the year. The work still continues, as the varied calls for as-

sistance reach us, and will be continued until there is a certainty that no more is needed.

“ELIZABETH A. LIVERMORE,  
*Sec. of W. S. A. Society.*”

#### OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY.

“President, Mrs. Humphrey Moore; vice-presidents, Mrs. Stillman Hutchinson, Mrs. Martin Hall, Mrs. Abel Chase, Mrs. Hezekiah Hamblett, Mrs. Charles A. Burns, Mrs. Benj. F. Hutchinson; secretary, Miss Elizabeth A. Livermore; treasurer, Miss Hannah P. Rainsdell; executive committee, Mrs. William Crosby, Mrs. Joshua M. Holt, Mrs. John Dickey, Mrs. Ira Holt, Mrs. John A. Powers. The society numbered more than eighty members, beside seventy men as honorary members.”

#### MILFORD VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

Names of Milford volunteer soldiers who enlisted for three years under the second call of the president in 1861 for 300,000 men:

“Daniel H. Greene, 2d regiment; William H. Ramsdell, 2d regiment; Albert S. Hutchinson, 2d regiment; Charles Prew, 3d regiment, Co. E; J. I. Plympton, captain, promoted to major, then to lieutenant-colonel, 3, E; Abner W. Osgood, sergeant, 3, E; George H. Jones, 3, E; John B. Burns, 3, B; Charles S. Hazen, 3, E; Norman Burdick, promoted to 2d lieutenant, 4, C; George S. Tuck, 4, C; David W. Gordon, 4, C; Joseph H. Kimball, 4, C; Alfred F. Lynch, 4, C; Albert A. Cochran, 4, C, discharged February 17, 1863; Alexander McRobbie, 2, G; Matthew F. Burnham, 3, E; Samuel Dolbear, 5, K; Samuel F. Jones, 4, K; John H. Clarke, 4, C, discharged September 28, 1862; William P. Kendall, 4, B; Alfred Shattuck, 4, C; Edwin F. Lund, 4, C; John H. Lund, 4, D; George W. Dimick, 4, C; T. L. Livermore, orderly sergeant, 5th regiment, promoted to 2d lieutenant, then to colonel; Abraham B. Shedd, 6, K; Peter A. Shedd, 8, C; John H. Lovejoy, 8, B; J. M. Blanchard, orderly sergeant, 8th regiment, promoted to captain; William P. Heald, corporal, 8, B; Clessen R. Stickney, 4th sergeant, 8, B; Henry L. Robins, 8, B; John C. Clark, 8, B; Robert McKenzie, 8, B; John O'Connor, 8, B; Albert M. Darracott, 8, B; O. C. Crosby, 8, B; George E. Hartwell, corporal, 8, B; Joel H. Stimson, 8, B; Xenophon E. Mills, 8, B; Eugene H. Amsden, 8, B; Frank J. Stimson, 8, B; George W. Chickering, 8, B; Joshua Royleigh, 9, F; Josiah P.

Smith, 8, B; C. H. Camp, 1st lieutenant, 8, B; William Merri-les, 8, B; Nelson Wood, 8, B, promoted to captain; Thomas Gourley, 8, B; Jeremiah Lyon, 8, B; Oliver W. Lull, lieutenant-colonel, 8th regiment; Samuel G. Dearborn, surgeon, 8th regiment; F. J. Lawrence, drummer, 8, B; William Gourley, 8, B; John F. Howard, 8, B; John Mickle, 8, B; William A. Crosby, 8, B; Henry M. Potter, 4, C; Francis Divan, 2, C; Joseph Gilina, 4, C; Joseph K. Shedd, 6, K; Thomas M. Gilpatrick, corporal, 4, C; William D. Coffin, 2d regiment; Abel F. Gutter-son, 4, C; J. M. Stanyan, captain, 8, B; Harris Gray, medical cadet, 1st Mass., Co. B; John Bonner, 2, G; Luke Hallegan, 3, E; John E. Herrick, 3, E; Orin Hamblett, 13th Mass.; Thomas H. Law, sergeant, 5, K; George A. Holt, 93 N. Y., Co. B; James W. Ames, 9th regiment; Joseph Buss, 3, E; Edward Powers, 3d regiment; Frank Hood, 7, H; David M. Perham, drummer, 9, C; Henry J. Richardson, 3, E; John Martin, 4, C; Edward P. Ross, 8, B.

#### THIRD CALL OF THE PRESIDENT.

At the suggestion of the governors of the loyal states, July 2, 1862, a new call for 300,000 more volunteers was issued by the president of the United States. A recruiting office was again opened at the town house. In July, the selectmen, by order, enrolled the names of all male citizens of Milford, between the ages of 18 and 45 years liable to do military duty, which was sent to the adjutant-general of the state. That being defective, another enrollment was made in August. The whole number was 263. The quota of the 300,000 allotted to New Hampshire was 5,053. The quota of Milford, estimated to be 45 for 300,000. At a meeting of the "Citizens of Milford," holden at the town hall, on the 24th day of July, 1862, a resolution was presented by William Ramsdell, which was passed unanimously, as follows:

*Whereas*, a call has been issued by the president for an additional force of 300,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion; and *whereas* the quota of this state is 5,053 men, to be raised as soon as may be, therefore we, the undersigned, citizens of Milford, for the furtherance of this object and that no delay may be had in furnishing the number allotted to this town, agree to pay our proportion—to be determined by the amount of our public tax—to a committee of three, to be chosen by the meeting of citizens holden this day at the town hall, for the purpose of increasing the



bounty of \$75, now offered by the state and the United States, to the sum of \$150, to all such volunteers, inhabitants of Milford, as may enlist in the town of Milford on or before the 15th day of August next ensuing, whenever they may be mustered into the service of the United States, *provided* the town, at a regular meeting, duly holden, shall neglect or refuse to assume payment of such increased bounty.

A subscription paper for names to the before mentioned pledge was immediately circulated, which was soon signed by 58 men, viz. :

William Ramsdell, Leonard Chase, Frederick Crosby, Humphrey Moore, Levi McIntire, Jacob Gove, George Daniels, W. R. Wallace, Edward Lovejoy, W. W. Robbins, Ezra M. Gay, Grant P. Moor, James Farwell, Ezekiel Mills, D. T. Buttrick, John E. Bruce, Clinton S. Averill, Levi Curtis, John Marvel, Calvin Averill, Frederick T. Sawyer, F. J. French, Solon Kimball, T. Kaley, Gilman Wheeler, W. L. Lane, J. W. Hamblett, M. F. Crosby, Nathan Hutchinson, R. B. Goodell, Joseph Lancaster, J. M. Burns, John Dickey, Ira Holt, H. A. Daniels, Reed Dutton, W. W. Giddings, J. L. Spring, William A. Hill, S. B. Emerson, G. W. Duncklee, George H. Whitney, Daniel Russell, George F. Bartlett, L. W. Burns, Bainbridge Wadleigh, Levi W. Wilkins, David Goodwin, Daniel Putnam, Dexter S. Burnham, J. E. Foster, R. R. Howison, P. B. Hood, Moses French, Martin Hall, H. M. Tyler, Abel Chase, E. G. Hamblett.

#### FOURTH CALL OF THE PRESIDENT. AUGUST 4, 1862.

At a legal town meeting holden on the 12th day of August, 1862, the resolution adopted at the citizens' meeting was passed unanimously, after being modified so as to include all who had enlisted, as well as "those who may enlist, who have been or may be mustered into the United States service, under the third call of the president for 300,000 volunteers, the number not to exceed 35, supposing that number to exceed Milford's quota of the 300,000 at the present time."

Finding that the rebels were becoming more obstinate and determined, and their force more formidable, with some reverses to the Union army in recent engagements, the president on the 4th of August, 1862, issued his fourth call for an additional 300,000 men, for nine months to be drafted from the militia immediately after the 15th of August. Also that in "those states and towns



which do not furnish their quota of the 300,000 under the third call by the 15th of August, the deficiency must be supplied by drafting." This fourth call for 300,000 men immediately after the third call for 300,000, produced considerable excitement and alarm. People now began to *feel* the horrors of war, which before they had only *talked* about as something in the distance. Spirited war meetings had been holden on the common once a week for some time. The people began to realize that our country was in imminent danger, and that something more decisive and effective must be done to save the nation from ruin. Under this pressure enlistments progressed more rapidly, men feeling that they could but die if they went into the army and faced the cannon's mouth, that all would be lost if they remained at home. The interest in these war meetings becoming so intense, it was found necessary to have a stand erected on the common, to accommodate the public speakers and the "band" of musicians. By the liberal contribution of individuals a substantial platform was built in the centre of the oval, under the shade trees, which was dedicated with appropriate exercises on the evening of the 11th of August, 1862.

An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Milford was holden in the town hall, August 19, 1862, to consider what measures should be taken to encourage the further enlistment of men to answer the additional call upon the town. On motion of Bainbridge Wadleigh, voted to choose a committee of three to take into consideration the question of paying bounties to volunteers, including all who may *have* enlisted or who may hereafter enlist and be mustered into the service of the United States, and report at the next meeting. The meeting chose Bainbridge Wadleigh, S. S. Stickney, and William Ramsdell said committee. On motion of Mr. Wadleigh, voted to raise the bounty to \$100. On motion of Levi McIntire, voted to pay volunteers for nine months, \$50. On motion of Mr. Ramsdell, voted that the selectmen and town-clerk be added to the committee already chosen.

August 20, 1862, the citizens met agreeably to adjournment, and the meeting was called to order by the president, Leonard Chase. The chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the "subject of paying bounties to volunteers, and the best mode of filling the quotas of three years and nine

months soldiers, which the town of Milford may be required to furnish," announced that the committee made the following recommendations :

"First. That the families of all residents of Milford who may volunteer for the term of nine months, before the first day of September, 1862, and are mustered into the service of the United States as such and as a part of the quota of said town, shall receive aid from said town at the rate of seven dollars per month for the time that such residents shall be kept from their business avocations in said service, and that said families shall receive in addition to said seven dollars per month, the amount of aid which said town can legally furnish and draw from the state of New Hampshire.

"Second. That all the residents of the town of Milford who may enlist and be mustered into service under the call of the president of the United States for 300,000 volunteers for three years, shall be paid the sum of seventy-five dollars each as bounty.

"In relation to paying bounties to all the volunteers who have heretofore enlisted, your committee report,—That while sympathizing with the gallant men who have for months so bravely faced death by disease and on the field of battle, they do not deem it expedient to take any final or definite action upon the subject at this time."

On motion, voted that the report of the committee be accepted. On motion of Mr. McIntire, voted that the resolution be adopted. On motion of Mr. Ramsdell, voted that Clinton S. Averill, W. R. Wallace, Humphrey M. Tyler, J. Frank Boynton, and John A. Powers be a committee to enlist nine months soldiers, as proposed by the resolutions adopted by the meeting.

Names of Milford volunteers under the third call of the president for three years, July 2, 1862 :

"Sylvanus Adams, drum major, 9th regiment; Frank W. Dennis, 9th regiment, Co. C; Milo P. Felch, 9th, C; Dennis Holden, 9th, C; Thomas P. Connery, 9th; Fred F. Turner, 9th, C; Rosco B. Kidder, 9th; Hugh Connor, on gunboat R. I.; John W. Crosby, 5th, K; George H. Drew, 9th, F; John B. Fretts, 9th, F; Alden B. Bennett, 9th, fife major; Frank O. Howe, 9th, F; Patrick Dillon, 10th, B; Austin B. Hayden, 5th, K; John W. Spaulding, 5th; Joseph E. Macay, 9th, F; Alfred W. Heald, 5th, K; John Holland, 10th, B; Isaac F. Frye, 9th, F; Charles Howe, 9th, F; William H. Howe, 9th, F; Jonathan P.

Richardson, 9th, F; Henry P. Hutchinson, 6th, F; Charles H. Dunning, 9th, F; John B. Melendy, 5th, K; John Arbuckle, 13th; Thomas Reagan, 10th, B; Charles M. Aiken, 10th, H; James W. Shattuck, 4th; Charles Huntley, 4th; Charles Brooks; Francis Morlock, 10th, B; John C. Aiken, 10th, H; John A. Lovejoy, 9th, F; F. E. Greisinger, Mass.; Willis G. Averill, 10th, H; James P. Shedd, N. H. Battery."

August 23, 1862, the citizens met agreeably to adjournment, and were called to order by the president of the meeting, Leonard Chase. The chairman of the committee for enlisting nine months men reported that the committee had received the signatures of citizens guaranteeing that the aid proposed by the resolutions passed at a former meeting, should be paid by the town, and that a contract for enlistment had been drawn up and was ready for signatures of any who might wish to volunteer. William Ramsdell stated that he had collected a fund of \$1,100, for the purpose of paying \$10 each to "every one who should enlist, and if the full quota of this town should be enlisted, to divide the entire fund<sup>1</sup> between them."

#### FORM OF CONTRACT.

"We, Clinton S. Averill, H. M. Tyler, W. R. Wallace, J. F. Boynton, and J. A. Powers, a committee acting in behalf of the citizens of the town of Milford, of the *first part*, and the other subscribers hereto of the *second part*, agree as follows:

"We, said parties of the second part do severally agree that we will voluntarily enter the military service of the United States, to fill the quota of enrolled militia which the town of Milford, in the state of New Hampshire, may be required to furnish by draft upon the order of the president for 300,000 enrolled militia.

"We, said parties of the first part, do agree and guarantee that the families or relations of said parties of the second part who may so enlist and be mustered into said service as a part of such quota, shall receive aid from the town of Milford, at the rate of seven dollars per month for such time as he may be kept from his business avocations in said service, and also such further aid as the said town can furnish and draw from said state, in accordance with the provisions of a resolution passed at a meeting of the people of Milford, held on the 20th day of August, 1862."

<sup>1</sup> The dividend which each soldier received of the \$1,100, amounted to \$42.20.

## PLEDGE.

“Names of citizens of Milford who guarantee to pay, in proportion to our taxable property in Milford, any sum that may be necessary to indemnify the committee chosen to procure volunteers, against any loss they may incur by reason of their entering into any contract to carry out the provisions of the preceding resolutions, in case the town does not assume the responsibility :

“George Daniels, Bainbridge Wadleigh, Ezekiel Mills, Calvin Averill, Leonard Chase, Daniel Putnam, R. R. Howison, Humphrey Moore, William Ramsdell, M. F. Crosby, Charles Tuttle, A. H. McIntire, R. B. Goodell, Joseph Lancaster, Charles Wilkins, A. S. Powers, John Dickey, Robert Thompson, Edward Lovejoy, Frederick T. Sawyer, E. G. Hamblett, Ezra M. Gay, J. E. Bruce, G. W. Duncklee, Gilbert Wadleigh, T. J. Hartwell, C. H. Averill, P. B. Hood, James B. Farwell, James Pearson, Reed Dutton, Nathan Hutchinson, Martin Hall, Aaron Mills, Gilman Wheeler, Daniel Russell, Levi Curtis, S. C. Coburn, J. A. Wetherbee, A. J. Hutchinson, E. C. Batchelder, J. H. Parmelee, J. L. Spring, N. C. Curtis, G. H. Whitney, Abel Spalding, J. W. Pillsbury, Milton Parker, A. J. Lynch, John Towne, Jr., B. I. Conant, James Lewis, Isaiah Hutchinson, Joseph M. Smith, Moses Foster, John I. Savage, H. C. Howard, Charles Tarbel, Jacob Gove, G. P. Moor, F. J. French, J. P. Hutchinson.”

Names of volunteers under the fourth call of the president for nine months, who signed the foregoing contract, and who went into the Sixteenth regiment, August 4, 1862 :

“George F. Stone, George R. Hartshorn, Frank Crosby, Albion Wyman, Lucian A. Duncklee, Noah Lund, Charles W. Mills, B. Franklin Clarke, Elbridge K. Jewett, James E. Fuller, C. H. Osgood, Joseph S. Connery, John Wright, M. L. Osgood, Henry C. Stimson, Charles C. Bartlett, Henry M. Mills, Josiah D. Crosby, Edwin B. Howard, Joseph Cushing, William Abbott, William P. Connery, Alvin B. Chase, Justin Hutchinson, Allen F. Crosby, Allen R. Hood, William Garvin.”

Alfred A. Hanscomb and Edward Hanscomb enlisted in Hollis, in the Fifteenth regiment.

The proportion of soldiers for New Hampshire under the several calls of the president was as follows : For 75,000 for three months, 780 ; for 600,000 for three years, 13,500 ; for 300,000 for nine months, 5,053—total 19,340. Sixth call for 300,000, 3,768 ; sixth and seventh calls for 300,000 and 200,000, 6,573 ;



eighth call for 200,000, 2,626 to supply the deficiency. The whole number of men furnished by New Hampshire, including three companies of sharpshooters, four companies of cavalry, and one light battery, up to January 1, 1863, was 19,232. But in consideration of the length of their term of service New Hampshire furnished six or seven hundred men more than the quota assigned to her.

In June, 1863, a new enrolment was made in this town. The whole number returned was 265. The number in the first class, between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five years and unmarried men to forty-five years, was 160. In the second class, including married men between thirty-five and forty-five years, 105.

#### FIFTH CALL OF THE PRESIDENT.

July 3, 1863, the president called for 300,000 drafted soldiers. The quota of Milford was 42, including fifty per cent. added for exemptions. The quota for New Hampshire was 5,053. In August the drafting in this state commenced, and, as every drafted man not exempted by the examining surgeon on account of physical disability, or by the examining board on other grounds, was required either to go into the army, furnish an acceptable substitute, or pay \$300, the horrors of war were brought very near those who were liable themselves or had friends liable to be drafted, and compelled to risk their lives before an exasperated foe in an uncongenial climate;—the more to be dreaded in view of the slaughter which had so recently taken place in battle, and in view of the fact that so large a number of Milford soldiers had lost their lives by disease. Of the 29 nine-months Milford soldiers who went into the Sixteenth regiment, and 2 into the Fifteenth regiment (who were discharged and returned to Concord at the end of their term of enlistment, and who had spent the most of their time in Louisiana), 5 died before starting to come home, one died on the way, and 7 died within nineteen days after their return, from disease contracted in the South.

The drafting of soldiers from Milford took place at Concord, September 2, 1863. One hundred and fifty-nine names were deposited in the box, from which 42 were drawn, viz. :



"Nathan Hutchinson, Jasper Osgood, William Heald, Clinton May, Patrick Shea, Jr., Walker R. Fitch, Addison Wetherbee, Jonas B. Hutchinson, Henry P. Wetherbee, Isaac B. Hutchinson, Henry C. Howard, C. H. Dunning, William R. Emerson, John L. Spring, John Mahar, D. J. Pearson, John Cutter, Jr., Judson A. Hamblett, Edward P. Crosby, E. M. Gay, Jr., E. Crosby, Edward Finerty, John W. Hutchinson, Elbridge Walker, Timothy O'Brien, George E. Crosby, Jason E. Hutchinson, Silas L. Brown, George H. Burbank, John M. Bartlett, Isaac J. Burns, John Lamson, James H. Hutchinson, Matthias F. Crosby, Albert M. Darracott, Frederick A. Eldredge, Pliny T. Kent, Henry H. Stickney, Levi H. Holt, William H. Goodale, Dodge G. Hartshorn, Luther C. Dunklee."

Of these 42, only 8, viz., Jasper Osgood, D. J. Pearson, Ezra M. Gay, Jr., John W. Hutchinson, Frederick A. Eldredge, Levi H. Holt, Dodge G. Hartshorn, John Mahar, were accepted.

Of these 8, only 3, viz., Jasper Osgood, Frederick A. Eldredge, and John Mahar, went into the service. The others furnished substitutes at a price of from \$100 to \$160, in addition to the bounties paid by the town and state, agreeably to the provisions of the law.

At a town meeting, holden September 26, 1863,—

"*Voted*, To pay to each drafted man, or his substitute, the sum of \$300, within ten days after being accepted and mustered into the service of the United States; *provided*, that no part thereof shall be paid to any drafted man in case he shall procure a substitute.

"*Voted*, That the moderator appoint a committee of five persons, to take into consideration the equalizing of bounties of all soldiers belonging to the town of Milford who have been in the service of the United States in this present war, and report at a future meeting."

The committee appointed were,—S. S. Stickney, William Ramsdell, Daniel Putnam, George Daniels, Ezekiel Mills.

#### THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MILFORD WOMEN'S SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY.

"The second anniversary of the formation of this society is here. Rebel armies exist unconquered and defiant; barbarian hordes are banded together, or disbanded and scattered in a few hours on our frontiers, sometimes within the loyal states, rob-

bing, and sometimes murdering, the loyal citizens, and destroying the labor of years, either for pastime or revenge.

"Our country calls imperiously for yet more help from her sons—asking their strength, their devotion, their lives, if need be, for her existence. So long as our country shall call for the help of her sons, so long will she need the help of her daughters, in every way their help can be made available.

"In answering this demand for help in one direction, we have met together once a week through a large part of the last year to sew and knit and prepare various articles that add to the comforts of a hospital. This seems to be the most available method of help for those who are removed leagues away from the fields of conflict.

"We have made at these meetings, or partly at our homes, 793 articles of wear or use for the soldiers, which, with other various articles given the society, have been sent away as fast as they accumulated in sufficient quantities, or as some exigency demanded.

"In January, in March, in May, in July, in August twice, in October, these packages have gone, bearing with them our love for our government and for its brave defenders. Of ten packages, six have gone to the Sanitary Commission; one to New Hampshire soldiers at Washington, D. C.; one to the Young Men's Christian Association, and two are destined for soldiers at the West, under the care of Captain Ainsworth E. Blunt, of the First Tennessee cavalry.

"The amount, in money value, of all the articles, is \$420.03, apportioned as follows:

	Valued at.
Shirts (flannel), 60 . . . . .	\$119.75
Shirts (cotton), 120 . . . . .	120.00
Shirts (old cotton), 2 . . . . .	.50
Sheets, 5 . . . . .	1.87
Drawers (flannel), 9 . . . . .	10.74
Socks (woollen), 86 . . . . .	53.88
Mittens, 2 prs. . . . .	.75
Coats, 2; vests, 2 . . . . .	5.00
Handkerchiefs (old cotton), 166 . . . . .	4.82
Handkerchiefs (cotton and linen), 42 . . . . .	3.27
Towel, 1 . . . . .	.12
Comfort bags, 290 . . . . .	72.50
Sundries . . . . .	1.50
Dried apple, 205 lbs. . . . .	15.25
Blackberry wine, 4 gallons . . . . .	7.00
1 bottle Shakers' currant wine . . . . .	.33
1 jar grape jelly . . . . .	.75
12 packages corn farina and preparations of cocoa . . . . .	2.00

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\$420.03

"Medicated pillows of hops or wormwood were sent in January and May, not numbered or appraised; but they have been noticed by writers who have visited the hospitals as being agreeable and consoling to those who use them. Some books, newspapers, and periodicals have accompanied many of these packages. The value on hand in material and money is about \$25.

"We feel encouraged by the past year's experience to believe that the calls for help wafted to us from the East and from the West, shall be answered by more earnest endeavors to do our share of this noble, humane work.

"The agents of the Sanitary Commission do and dare on the battle fields deeds as magnanimous as those of our bravest warriors. They have shared imprisonment with our soldiers. They have yielded life itself to the arduous labors they have performed for the wounded and exhausted soldiers at Pittsburg Landing. Shall we not work one more year, at least, as vigorously as the last? The Western Sanitary Commission says it sees a twelve months' campaign before it, as urgent, as important as any past. . . . Let the people's hearts never fail, and their hands never weary; but let them, of their abundance, give to this commission full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, that, wherever the red hand of war is seen, its divine footsteps may follow; that, wherever the red hand of war is lifted to wound, its white hand may be lifted to heal; that its work may never cease until it is assumed by a great Christian government, or until peace once more reigns throughout the land; and even then, gratitude for its service and joy in its glory shall never die out of the hearts of the American people.

"E. A. LIVERMORE, Secretary.

Milford, October, 1863."

In the report of the treasurer, Hannah P. Ramsdell, it is stated that the cash receipts during the year past, from membership, levees, individual contributions, etc., amounted to \$258.38, \$245.93 of which was appropriated to the purchasing of the stock of which the articles enumerated in the preceding report of the secretary were manufactured, leaving \$12.45 in the treasury.

#### SIXTH CALL OF THE PRESIDENT.

October 17, 1863, the president called for 300,000 more men. The quota of New Hampshire was 3,768; the quota of Milford, 23. The town hired substitutes from abroad to fill the quota (23 men) at an expense of \$439 each, so that *no draft was made*.

## SEVENTH CALL OF THE PRESIDENT.

The last call not having been fully answered, the president, on the 1st of February, 1864, called for 200,000 more men; but as New Hampshire had already furnished more than her quota on the previous calls, no draft was made in this state. The quota of Milford was 16. The estimated quota of New Hampshire under the call of October 17, 1863, was 3,768; the quota under the call of February 1, 1864, was 2,512; deficiency at the commencement of this official year was 388—total 6,668 men that New Hampshire was liable for. Number of men furnished under the draft, 3,012; men furnished under the call of October 17, 3,768; soldiers re-enlisted from old regiments, not reckoned as a part of our quota, under the call of October 17, 1863, 387—whole number furnished, 7,167; number required, 6,668; surplus 499, beside enlistments into cavalry, making about 600 men in excess of all demands.

## EIGHTH CALL OF THE PRESIDENT.

On March 14, 1864, the president of the United States issued an order for a draft of an additional 200,000 men on the 15th of April. The bounties of \$400 to veterans, and \$300 to fresh recruits, paid by the national government, to continue until April 1. Under the call of February 1, 1864, for 500,000 men (including the call for 300,000 October 17), the quota of New Hampshire was estimated at 6,573. Up to the 1st of March, 1864, our state was credited with 6,864 men, being an excess of 291 men over all demands upon the state.

The state quota under the call for 200,000 men was 2,626. Excess of volunteers, 291. Re-enlistments in 2d regiment, 100; in the 3d, 264; in the 4th, 400; in the 5th, 50; in the 6th, 185; in the 7th, 175; in the 8th, 245; in the battery, 61; sharpshooters, 43; cavalry, 153—total, 1,967; quota, 2,626;—leaving a deficiency under the present call of 659. March 1, 1864, the deficiency of the state was reduced to 388.

The quota of Milford under the sixth call of the president, October 17, 1863, was 23 (substitutes furnished). The quota under the 7th call, February 1, 1864, was 16. The deficiency of Milford previous to March 1, 1864, was 7 men. The quota



of Milford under the eighth call for 200,000, March 14, 1864, was 16, making 23 to be furnished at the time the draft was ordered, April 15, 1864. Eleven Milford soldiers re-enlisted, and came home on a furlough of thirty days, and one new recruit, reducing the number to 11.

The names of the 11 Milford soldiers who re-enlisted for three years were,—

“ Henry J. Richardson, 3d regiment, Co. E ; George H. Jones, 3d, E ; James Ryan, 3d, E ; Samuel F. Jones, 4th, F ; Edward T. Lund, 4th, C ; Alfred F. Lynch, 4th, C ; Henry A. Haskell, 4th, C ; Abel Fisk Gutterson, 4th, C ; Henry M. Potter, 4th, C ; Joseph Gilina, 4th, C ; John Martin, 4th, C ; Elbridge P. Jones (new recruit), 4th, C ; also, P. A. Shedd, J. H. Lovejoy, and J. H. Stinson of the 8th, and Joshua Royleigh of the 9th. Two soldiers, viz., Andrew L. Marvel and George Farwell, went into the New Hampshire heavy artillery, and were counted as part of Milford's quota. Allen R. Hood re-enlisted into the First New Hampshire cavalry. Five others, viz., Alfred A. Hutchinson, Franklin A. Fisher, George Marvel, Eugene L. Nelson (enlisted into the heavy artillery at Boston), and Frank F. Coggin (into the navy) were not accredited to this town as a part of its quota.”

At a town meeting holden on the 15th of April, 1864, the following resolution, presented by George Daniels, was passed :

“ *Resolved*, That the town will pay a bounty of one hundred dollars to each man who has enlisted or re-enlisted, or who may enlist or re-enlist, to the credit of this town under the two last calls of the president for five hundred thousand and for two hundred thousand men, when the men so enlisting or re-enlisting shall be accepted and mustered into the service of the United States, not intending hereby to include the twenty-three men furnished as substitutes by the town agent.”

In May, 1864, orders were received in Concord from Washington, to have the deficiency of New Hampshire filled by drafting immediately. May 17th the drafting of Milford soldiers, 7 in number, took place at Concord. The names of those drafted were Moses Batchelder, Bainbridge Wadleigh, John A. Powers, Isaiah Hutchinson, William L. Whittemore, J. Morgan Burdick, and G. W. Gilchrist. They were examined at Concord May 26. Two only of these, W. L. Whittemore and



G. W. Gilchrist, were accepted. Bainbridge Wadleigh waived an examination, and furnished a substitute. June 1, 1864, 5 more were drafted, viz., G. S. Howard, O. A. Hamblett, Wilson Stone, G. W. Royleigh, and Lorenzo Cutter,—Wilson Stone and G. W. Royleigh, accepted. Three more were drafted, viz., Everett Stickney, E. G. Hamblett, and Allen T. Perry. E. G. Hamblett and E. Stickney were rejected, and James Lewis and H. H. Melendy were drafted and accepted. All furnished substitutes.

According to Governor Gilmore's message, the whole number of men New Hampshire furnished to May 10, 1864, was 26,647. State aid paid to families of volunteers was \$600,000. Bounties paid to enlisted men exceeded \$500,000.

#### NINTH CALL OF THE PRESIDENT.

July 18, 1864, the president called for 500,000 more men. The quota of Milford was 42.

June 4, 1864, at a legal town meeting, it was voted that the town pay \$300 bounty to all such "inhabitants of this town who have been or may be drafted or conscripted to fill the quota of this town under the two last calls of the president, or who may be drafted or conscripted to fill the quota of this town under any future call for men prior to our next annual town meeting, and who shall enter the service of the United States in accordance with the draft, either in person or by an acceptable substitute; *provided*, such bounty shall not be paid until ten days after such drafted man or his substitute shall have been duly mustered into said service.

"*Voted*, That the town choose an agent to procure volunteers to fill our quota under any future calls of the president for men until our next annual March meeting."

William Ramsdell was selected as such agent.

Volunteers under the ninth call, enlisted into the heavy artillery, September, 1864: Thomas B. Hall, William D. Hutchinson, Patrick Chroan, Appleton M. Hatch, John M. Kenny, Richard H. Pierce, John H. Loughton, John Carlton, Jr., William P. Easton, Charles H. Worcester, William H. Gillis, Robert Chumard, Hugh O'Connor, John Dane. Henry M. Mills enlisted at Nashua into the same company. Humphrey M.

Tyler and Thomas Jess, Milford soldiers, enlisted into the Eighteenth New Hampshire regiment.

EXTRACT FROM THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S  
SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY.

“OCTOBER 19, 1864.

“Our meetings each Wednesday of the year past have not, with a few exceptions, been so numerous attended as in years past. Some have helped from their homes who could not attend the meetings constantly. Our labors have been directed in varied channels of the previous years, as you will perceive, but with slight abatement of zeal. The vastly increased prices of the usual articles in demand for hospital wear may have somewhat circumscribed our operations. At the time of our last annual meeting two barrels of clothing and hospital stores had just commenced transportation to some portion of the western army, not through the Sanitary Commission, directly from us. In December was packed a barrel which was sent to the New England branch of the Sanitary Commission, whence its contents would go where most needed. From that time to the present, six others have followed, viz., in the months of January, February, April, May, June, and August. These seven barrels contained the following articles :

	Valued at.
Seven quilts . . . . .	\$ 27.00
Three sheets (partly worn) . . . . .	.75
Fourteen feather pillows, with cases . . . . .	3.50
Six pillow-cases . . . . .	.60
Two bedsacks . . . . .	4.00
Ten pairs slippers . . . . .	6.00
Nine pairs cotton socks . . . . .	4.50
One pair cotton and woollen socks . . . . .	.63
Fifty-eight pairs woollen socks at .75 a pair . . . . .	43.50
Five pairs mittens at .50 per pair . . . . .	2.50
Thirty-six flannel shirts . . . . .	79.00
Two flannel drawers . . . . .	2.00
Forty-one new cotton shirts . . . . .	61.00
Fourteen partly worn cotton shirts . . . . .	6.00
One hundred and seventy-four handkerchiefs (new and old) . . . . .	7.00
Ten napkins . . . . .	.60
Forty-six towels . . . . .	2.78
Eight comfort bags . . . . .	2.00
Seven and a half pounds of lint . . . . .	7.50
Five bottles currant wine . . . . .	2.16

Two hundred and ten pounds dried apple . . . . .	\$19.23
Two jars blackberry jam . . . . .	1.25
One bottle raspberry vinegar . . . . .	.25
Four jars green tomato pickle . . . . .	.60
One bag dried currants . . . . .	1.00
Blueberries and whortleberries . . . . .	.65
One and one half peck onions . . . . .	.87
Two packages corn-starch . . . . .	.34
Six packages farina . . . . .	1.20
Two packages cocoa . . . . .	.48
Hop cushions, pins, etc. . . . .	.83
Total value . . . . .	<u>\$289.73</u>

Beside several articles not appraised. These have been forwarded to the New England branch of the Sanitary Commission, as the most economical and safe way of reaching their destination, to be distributed among the sick and wounded soldiers of our armies. Within the year past, our treasurer, Miss Hannah P. Ramsdell, has passed to her reward. Miss H. L. Chase was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Miss Ramsdell.

“E. A. LIVERMORE, Sec.”

Names of 8 soldiers who were drafted in 1863, 6 of whom responded by substitutes, and the amount each one paid in addition to the town bounty (\$300):

I. J. Burns paid \$100 . . . . .	\$400
D. G. Hartshorn paid \$115 . . . . .	415
Levi H. Holt paid \$160 . . . . .	460
D. J. Pearson paid \$125 . . . . .	425
John W. Hutchinson paid \$125 . . . . .	425
E. M. Gay, Jr., paid \$1.25 . . . . .	425
Jasper Osgood responded in person.	
John Mahar responded in person.	

In May, 1864, 8 persons were drafted, accepted, and responded by substitute as follows:

William L. Whittemore paid \$300 . . . . .	\$600
H. H. Melendy paid \$350 . . . . .	650
James Lewis (commutation, one year) . . . . .	300
A. Perry paid \$300 . . . . .	600
G. W. Gilchrist paid \$350 . . . . .	650
Bainbridge Wadleigh paid \$300 . . . . .	600
George Royleigh paid \$350 . . . . .	650

In 1864, 14 substitutes were furnished at prices and by persons as follows :

Jonas Hutchinson paid \$300 . . . . .	\$600
N. C. Curtis paid \$300 . . . . .	600
C. Averill paid \$490 . . . . .	790
George F. Bartlett paid \$490 . . . . .	790
——— Mason paid \$410 . . . . .	710
C. Gutterson paid \$500 . . . . .	800
A. McIntire paid \$575 . . . . .	875
C. Badger paid \$555 . . . . .	855
G. P. Moorar paid \$325 . . . . .	625
J. Savage paid \$200 . . . . .	500
W. B. Peacock paid \$325 . . . . .	625
B. R. Came paid \$350 . . . . .	650
H. Woods paid \$300 . . . . .	600
Humphrey Moore (eighty-six years old) paid \$312 . . . . .	612

## REPORT OF WILLIAM RAMSDELL

as agent of the town of Milford for filling the quota for 1863 and 1864 :

*Quota for 1863, 23 men.*

Dr. to 2 volunteers at \$410 . . . . .	\$820.00
8     "         425 . . . . .	3,400.00
13     "         450 . . . . .	5,850.00
Use of money paid to Souhegan bank . . . . .	24.60
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	\$10,094.60
Cr. by cash received of town treasurer . . . . .	\$10,094.60

Received and paid over to the treasurer, as bounties refunded :  
From the state . . . . . \$2,300.00

*Quota of 1864, 40 men.<sup>1</sup>*

Dr. to 1 volunteer, surplus over last call.	
6 volunteers for 3 years, cost . . . . .	\$1,780.00
14 substitutes, \$600 . . . . .	8,400.00
17 volunteers for 1 year (16 at \$500 and 1 at \$400) . . . . .	8,400.00

<sup>1</sup>The 40 men cost \$359 each to the town and government. They were procured at Concord, where a regular business of furnishing volunteers or substitutes was done by brokers. These brokers were not as a rule men of character, and the volunteers they furnished did not make the best of soldiers. Mr. Ramsdell made more than forty journeys to Concord in and about the business of the town's quota of soldiers during the war.

Dr. to 1 volunteer for 3 years, at \$800 . . . .	800.00
1 volunteer for 3 years, at \$300 . . . .	300.00
2 volunteers for 3 years, at \$575 . . . .	1,150.00
Paid 1 man, drafted (bounty \$300, not entitled) . .	50.00
Paid J. L. Spring, two journeys to Concord and exp.	20.80
Paid for men's expense to Concord who were rejected . . . . .	10.55
Paid for stamps, blanks, and seals . . . . .	3.87
Telegrams . . . . .	3.00
Personal service and expenses . . . . .	277.00
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	\$21,195.22
Balance in hands of agent to be accounted for, February 15, 1865 . . . . .	1,559.78
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	\$22,755.00
Cr. by cash received of,—	
Town treasurer . . . . .	\$21,030.00
State, for bounties cashed . . . . .	1,700.00
Recruiting fee . . . . .	25.00
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	\$22,755.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM RAMSDELL.

On the 3d of April, 1865, news came of the evacuation by the rebels of Petersburg and also of the rebel capital (Richmond) and of their occupancy by federal troops under General Grant. The people of Milford were enthusiastic in their demonstrations of joy. The bells were rung, cannons fired, flags raised, and hearty congratulations exchanged by the citizens. The sudden exit of the rebel president, Jefferson Davis, and his cabinet officers from their capital; the fleeing of their greatest general (Lee) with a part of his powerful army from this stronghold, which had defied several assaults, and in six days afterwards the surrender of Lee himself and his whole army to General Grant, were regarded by all as a harbinger of peace and of a restored Union. It was evident that the Rebellion had received its death blow, and when the day appointed for annual Fast arrived, April 13, the people could not restrain their jubilant feelings of joy on account of recent victories. But, alas, how soon did their joy give place to mourning and weeping! How soon and how suddenly was our noon turned



into midnight! Only the next day, April 14, the life of President Lincoln was taken by the cruel hand of an assassin, and a plot laid for taking at the same time the life of several of the highest officers of our government. The news reached Milford on the 15th. As soon as the report was confirmed the bells were tolled. Sadness and grief were depicted in almost every countenance. Such a shock the nation had never experienced,—such a sudden change from joyousness to lamentation and mourning.

The 16th being Sunday, the churches were draped with the emblems of deep mourning, the bells were tolled, badges of mourning were worn by many loyal citizens, and it was the most solemn and gloomy Sabbath day ever witnessed in town.

On the 19th of April, being the funeral day of our lamented president, the people of the town generally assembled to mingle their tears of sympathy and grief for the nation's loss, and seek the compassion and direction of Him who controls the affairs of nations. At noon, the time appointed for the performance of the last sad rites to the memory of the president at Washington, the bells were tolled. The largest church in town was filled to overflowing with sorrowful mourners wearing the emblems of sorrow and grief. The United States flag was trimmed with black, and almost every dwelling house and place of business exhibited emblems of the grief of their occupants. The exercises at the meeting were of the most solemn and pathetic character. Addresses were made by Rev. F. D. Ayer and Bainbridge Wadleigh, which were listened to with profound interest; appropriate music by the choir and by the cornet band.

The president, Andrew Johnson, appointed June 1, 1865, "to be observed as a day of national mourning, humiliation, and prayer, requesting the people to bow reverently in meekness before the Supreme Ruler of the universe, who has suffered this great affliction to overtake us and seek wisdom and direction from Him." There being no resident clergyman in town at this time there was no public meeting. The places of business were closed, and the day regarded with becoming respect.

As most of the New Hampshire soldiers then in the field were discharged, and returned home in July, 1865, on the 3d day of August the people assembled in the park to give their soldiers a

welcome reception on their return home. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. F. D. Ayer, and Mr. S. L. B. Chase, of Newton Theological Institution. Responses to sentiments were made by John L. Spring, Colonel Livermore, Captain Stanyan, and Lieutenant William H. Ramsdell. A sumptuous entertainment was furnished the returned soldiers and their wives in the town hall at the expense of the town.

Orren A. Hamblett was the first soldier who volunteered from Milford, into the United States Service. As soon as the news of the massacre of Massachusetts soldiers in the streets of Baltimore was received, he enlisted in Boston, April 19, 1861, into the Fourth battalion of rifles, Co. C. Afterwards this battalion formed the nucleus of the Thirteenth regiment Massachusetts volunteers. He was disabled by sunstroke and discharged after serving one year. He afterwards enlisted in the heavy artillery, but was rejected by the mustering officer.

#### NAMES OF MILFORD SOLDIERS

who were killed, or wounded, or died, while in the service of the United States, or who have died of disease contracted while in the army :

George W. Chickering, 8th regiment, Co. B, died at home, January 31, 1862 ; disease, measles.

W. W. I. Robbins, 1st, F, died in Philadelphia, August 4, 1861 ; disease, fever.

Charles E. Nutting, 1st, E, died at home, August 19, 1861 ; disease, consumption.

William D. Coffin, 2d, G, killed August 29, 1862, in the second Bull Run battle.

Abram B. Shedd, 6th, K, killed August 29, 1862, in the second Bull Run battle.

Albert S. Hutchinson, 2d, G, died of a wound received in the second Bull Run battle August 29, 1862.

Thomas H. Law, 5th, K, sergeant, died of a wound received in the Battle of Antietam, October 1, 1862.

William P. Kendall, 4th, C, died in South Carolina, August 19, 1862 ; disease, typhoid fever.

John W. Spalding, 5th, C, was wounded in the arm in the Battle of Fredericksburg ; also, a bullet passed through one of his lungs, in the Battle of Cold Harbor. From the effects of the wound he died at home, September 2, 1865.

Harris Gray died at his father's in Milford, February 20, 1863. He enlisted as medical cadet in Massachusetts.

Eugene H. Amsden, 8th, B, corporal, died at Camp Parapet, Carrollton, La., September 5, 1862; disease, chronic diarrhoea.

Abner W. Osgood, sergeant in 3d, E, died at Port Royal, October 10, 1862; disease, chronic diarrhoea.

Josiah D. Crosby, 16th, C, died at Brashear City, May 12, 1865; disease, chronic diarrhoea.

William P. Conrey, 16th, C, died at Brashear City, May 4, 1863; disease, chronic diarrhoea.

Frank J. Lawrence, 8th, B, leg shot off in the first Battle of Port Hudson, May 27, 1865; he died of the wound, June 30, 1863.

Noah Lund, 16th, C, died at Baton Rouge, January 5, 1863; disease, chronic diarrhoea.

John H. Lovejoy, 8th, B, was wounded in the breast by a bullet in the first Battle of Port Hudson, May 27, 1863.

Jeremiah Lyons, 8th, B, killed in the second Battle of Port Hudson, June 14, 1863.

Josiah P. Smith, 8th, B, killed in the Battle of Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.

A. B. Hayden was shot in the wrist in the Battle of Fredericksburg. Five men had been shot down in his regiment while bearing the Union flag. At the fall of the fifth man, this brave soldier grasped the flag-staff and bore the stars and stripes aloft; but he was doomed to the same fate as his companions. A ball soon struck and shattered his left arm. He was carried to the hospital in Alexandria, where he died, January 5, 1863. He was embalmed, and brought home January 13, 1863.

Captain John M. Stanyan, 8th, B, commissioned December 20, 1861; wounded and captured at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863; honorably discharged on account of his wounds, October 16, 1863. In 1861 Capt. Stanyan enlisted twenty-seven (27) men at Milford at a time when the bounty was only \$10.

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver W. Lull, 8th, was appointed provost judge of Western Louisiana, afterward provost marshal on General Emory's staff. He was killed by a Minié ball, in the Battle of Port Hudson, May 27, 1863, early in the charge, while cheering on his men.

Captain Josiah I. Plympton, 3d, E, promoted to major, then to lieutenant-colonel. He was shot through the heart while leading the last charge at Deep Bottom, Virginia.

George L. Jones, 3d, E, enlisted August 2, 1861; wounded in battle at James Island, laid in a hospital at Hilton Head until he had recovered; was wounded slightly in the Army of the Potomac. He re-enlisted for three years, and came home on a furlough of thirty days. In about two months after his return he was killed instantly by a ball passing through his head,

which was fired by a sharp-shooter, August 9, 1864. He had been on a reconnoissance in Virginia, and while crossing the Weldon railroad the ball struck him. He tumbled down a declivity on the rebel side of the railroad. His comrades endeavored to recover his body but could not without sacrificing their own lives.

Samuel Dolbear served as a most faithful soldier in the 5th, K. He was promoted to the office of sergeant, and was killed in the Battle of Gettysburg.

John W. Crosby, 5th, K, was appointed second lieutenant, 2d, G, but declined in favor of Lieut. Sylvester Rogers who was killed at the second Bull Run battle. Promoted to second lieutenant, then to first lieutenant. He lost his right arm by a wound, on the front line, within a few yards of the famous "stone wall," at Fredericksburg. Was post provost marshal of the substitute camp at Concord from September to December, 1863.

Luke Hallegan, 3d, E, wounded and captured at Fort Wagner, Morris Island, S. C., July 18, 1863, and died of the wound in the hands of the enemy, August 8, 1863.

Clesson R. Stickney, 8th, B, was promoted to sergeant; wounded at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863. He was discharged September 21, 1863, to accept an appointment as first lieutenant in the United States colored troops.

James M. Blanchard, 8th, B. Promoted to sergeant-major, August 5, 1863, and to captain in United States colored troops September 21, 1863; lost his right eye and was wounded otherwise in battle, June 14, 1863.

John Meikle, wounded slightly in the Battle of Port Hudson.

Thomas Gourley, wounded slightly in arm at Port Hudson.

Alexander McRobbie, 2d, G, killed in the Battle of Gettysburg, Va., July 2, 1863.

James E. Fuller, 16th, C, died at Baton Rouge, La., June 3, 1863; disease, fever. The name of Mr. Fuller was by mistake omitted from the list of deceased soldiers on the tablet in the town hall.

Charles M. Aiken, 10th, H, killed accidentally in Portsmouth, Va., July 25, 1863, by the falling of a tree.

B. F. Clark, 16th, C, died at Baton Rouge, La., July 22, 1863; disease, fever.

Allen F. Crosby, 16th, C, died soon after his return home, August 26, 1863; disease, fever.

Charles Wendall Mills, youngest son of John and Sarah Mills—a kind and loving boy—was born January 27, 1844. He enlisted as a private for nine months in the 16th, C, October 10, 1862. At the expiration of his term of service, he returned home with his regiment, August 14, 1863; received his dis-



charge August 20, 1863. He contracted a fever at the siege of Port Hudson, of which he died August 23, 1863. He enlisted, as he said, because his government called him, and he felt it his duty to go, and at the last said he had "done all that had been required of him; the boat is ready, let me go home."

Isaac F. Frye, 9th, F, was killed July 30, 1864, in a battle near Petersburg, Va.

Edward F. Lund, 4th, C, was wounded in the battle near Petersburg, Va., August 23, 1864. He died of the wound in a hospital in Washington, D. C.

William B. Hutchinson, of the heavy artillery, F; died at Fort Foote, October 2, 1864; disease, fever.

Joshua Royleigh, 8th, B, died in the hospital at Concord, N. H., November 2, 1864.

Frederic A. Eldridge, was commissioned assistant surgeon in the 1st N. H. cavalry, November 7, 1864. He was wounded in the hip in the Battle at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864. He was injured by an accidental explosion at City Point, August 11, 1864.

Thomas Reagan, 10th, B, died at home, March 24, 1865. He had been in Libby prison, Richmond, Va., and was exchanged.

George S. Tuck, 4th, C, died in Milford, April 1, 1865; disease, chronic diarrhoea. He was mustered into service September 18, 1861. His term of three years had expired, and he re-enlisted in February, 1864. He had been in four or five battles.

Alvin B. Chase, 16th, C, died soon after his return home, August 24, 1863; disease, malarial fever.

William Abbot, 16th, C, died at home, August 24, 1863; disease, malarial fever.

Lucian A. Duncklee, 16th, C, died August 23, 1863, at Mattoon, Ill., on his way home.

Henry C. Stimson, 16th, C, died at home, August 27, 1863; disease, malarial fever.

Edwin B. Howard, 16th, C, died at home, August 29, 1863; disease, malarial fever.

Milo L. Osgood, 16th, C, died at home, September 2, 1863; disease, consumption.

Thomas M. Gilpatrick, 4th, C, killed in battle on Morris Island.

David M. Gordon, 4th, C, died at Morris Island, September 24, 1863; disease, dysentery.

William Garvin, 16th, C, died at home, November 20, 1863; disease, malarial fever.

Frank Hood, 7th, H, wounded in the back and in the ankle by balls in the battle on Morris Island.



Milo P. Felch, 9th, C, died March 9, 1864, at Camp London, Ky.; disease, malignant typhoid fever.

Henry P. Hutchinson, 9th, F, wounded in the head in the Wilderness battle, Va., May 19, 1864, from the effects of which he died in a hospital in Washington, D. C.

Jonathan P. Richardson, 9th, F, died in a rebel prison, at Danville, Ga., November 18, 1864.

Samuel F. Jones, 4th, F, killed in battle at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864.

Thomas P. Connery, 9th, C, died in a rebel prison at Andersonville, August 26, 1864.

Andrew L. Marvel, 1st heavy artillery, died at home, April 16, 1865; disease, consumption.

Francis Divan, 2d, C, where he served three years, then re-enlisted into the 14th, D. He died from lack of food and clothing in Salisbury (N. C.) prison, December 24, 1864.

Frank O. Howe, 9th, F, was wounded in the side in the Battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864; he died of the wound May 16, 1864.

John E. Herrick, 3d, E, died at Antrim, N. H., May 20, 1865.

Grosvenor A. Colby, not heard from, supposed to be dead.

Alfred F. Lynch, 4th, C, not heard from; missing at Drury's Bluff; supposed to have been killed May 16, 1864.

Henry M. Potter, 4th, C, not heard from; was missing after the action at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864; supposed to have been killed in that battle.

Charles Brown, corporal in 4th, C, died September 25, 1863.

Henry A. Haskell, 4th, C, reported to have had both legs shot off in the battle at Chapin's Farm, September 25, 1864. As nothing more was heard from him he is supposed to be dead.

John B. Melendy, 5th, K, was struck by a piece of shell which was fired by the rebels at the Battle of Antietam, but was able to continue on duty. He was the first man wounded in this engagement.

Frank J. Stimson, 8th, B, was wounded in the breast at George's Landing, La., October 27, 1862.

Thomas L. Livermore went from Galena, Ill., in June, 1861, and joined the 1st N. H. Volunteers as a private, and served with it until it came home. He was first sergeant in 5th, K, N. H. V., and was promoted to second lieutenant, afterwards to first lieutenant, to captain, to major, brevet lieutenant-colonel, then to colonel of the Eighteenth regiment. He was struck by pieces of the second shell fired in the Battle at Antietam. He was also wounded in the leg by a piece of a shell at Malvern Hill. He re-enlisted for three years in 1864.

Chandler O. Crosby, 8th, B, died at Camp Parapet, La., September 15, 1862; disease, typhoid fever.

Names of those soldiers who were killed in battle :

William D. Coffin, Abram B. Shedd, Oliver W. Lull, Jeremiah Lyon, Josiah P. Smith, Alexander McRobbie, Samuel Dolbear, Thomas M. Gilpatrick, George L. Jones, Isaac F. Frye, J. I. Plympton, Samuel F. Jones, Joseph K. Shedd—13.

Those who died of wounds received in battle :

Albert F. Hutchinson, Thomas H. Law, A. B. Hayden, John W. Spalding, Frank J. Lawrence, Henry P. Hutchinson, Edward F. Lund, Luke Hallegan—8.

Those who died of disease contracted in the army or in rebel prisons :

George W. Chickering, W. W. I. Robbins, Charles B. Nutting, William P. Kendall, Chandler O. Crosby, Harris Gray, Eugene H. Amsden, Abner W. Osgood, Josiah D. Crosby, William P. Connery, Noah Lund, James E. Fuller, Benjamin F. Clarke, Allen T. Crosby, Charles W. Mills, Alvin B. Chase, William Abbot, Lucian A. Dunklee, Henry C. Stimson, Edwin B. Howard, Milo L. Osgood, David W. Gordon, William Garvin, Milo P. Felch, William B. Hutchinson, Joshua Royleigh, Thomas Reagan, George S. Tuck, Jonathan P. Richardson, Thomas P. Connery, Andrew L. Marvel, Francis Divan, John E. Herrick—33.

Killed by a tree falling on him : Charles M. Aiken—1.

Those of whom no official information has been received ; —some of them wounded, and all supposed to be dead :

Frank O. Howe, Grosvenor A. Colby, Alfred J. Lynch, Henry M. Potter, Henry A. Haskell—5.

The following seriously wounded soldiers survive (1893) :

John W. Crosby, John H. Lovejoy, James M. Blanchard, John M. Stanyan, John Mickle, Thomas Gourley, Frank Hood, F. A. Eldredge—8.

#### SUMMARY.

The whole number of Milford soldiers who went into the army during the war was 196. Of these 40 re-enlisted and were counted twice in filling the quota of Milford ; 70 substitutes were furnished by the town and by individuals. The whole number accredited to Milford by the United States government was 306.

## RECAPITULATION.

Names of all the Milford soldiers who went into the United States service during the war :

George H. Gillis, John C. Clark, George E. Hartwell, \*John Mahar, Ozias Wright, Loammi B. Ward, Charles F. Conant, John F. Crosby, Richard Mahar, \*Robert McKenzie, \*Francis Divan, John Brown, A. McArthur, \*Thomas Gourley, \*Sylvanus Adams, \*Alexander McRobbie, James McRobbie, David P. Wood, \*William Merriles, \*Jeremiah Lyon, \*G. H. Drew, \*Norman Burdick, Grosvenor A. Colby, William H. Ramsdell, George T. Lovejoy, William Abbott, \*Charles Prew, \*Alfred F. Lynch, \*Edward F. Lund, Charles F. Crosby, \*Thomas B. Hall, \*S. F. Jones, George Worcester, \*Daniel H. Greene, \*A. S. Hutchinson, \*William D. Coffin, \*Samuel Dolbear, \*Albert A. Cochran, \*James Bonner, \*Eugene H. Amsden, James G. Williams, \*John B. Burns, \*Abner W. Osgood, William H. Howe, \*J. M. Blanchard, W. W. I. Robbins, Charles Nutting, George Clark, \*John W. Crosby, J. I. Plympton, \*G. H. Jones, Charles S. Hazen, George S. Tuck, D. W. Gordon, Joseph H. Kimball, M. F. Burnham, John H. Clarke, W. P. Kendall, Alfred Shattuck, John H. Lund, George W. Dimick, \*T. L. Livermore, A. B. Shedd, \*P. A. Shedd, \*J. H. Lovejoy, William P. Heald, C. R. Stickney, H. L. Robbins, J. C. Clarke, John O. Connor, A. M. Darracott, O. C. Crosby, George E. Hartwell, \*J. H. Stimson, X. E. Mills, F. J. Stimson, George W. Chickering, \*Joshua Royleigh, Josiah P. Smith, C. H. Camp, Nelson Wood, Oliver W. Lull, Samuel G. Dearborn, F. J. Lawrence, William Gourley, John F. Howard, Andrew L. Marvel, John Mickle, William A. Crosby, \*H. M. Potter, \*Joseph Gilina, Thomas Gilpatrick, \*Abel F. Gutterson, John M. Stanyan, Harris Gray, Luke Hallegan, John E. Herrick, Orrin A. Hamblett, Thomas H. Law, George A. Holt, James W. Ames, Joseph Buss, Edward Powers, Frank Hood, D. M. Perham, John Bonner, \*H. J. Richardson, \*John Martin, E. P. Ross, F. W. Dennis, M. P. Felch, Dennis Holden, Thomas P. Connery, Frederick F. Turner, R. B. Kidder, Hugh Connor, J. B. Fretts, A. B. Bennett, F. O. Howe, Patrick Dillon, A. B. Hayden, J. W. Spalding, J. E. Mackay, Alfred W. Heald, John Holland, I. F. Frye, Charles Howe, W. H. Howe, J. P. Richardson, H. P. Hutchinson, C. H. Dunning, J. B. Melendy, John Arbuckle, Thomas Reagan, C. M. Aiken, J. W. Shattuck, Charles Huntley, Charles Brooks, Francis Morlock, John C.

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\*Those names with the star prefixed are those soldiers who re-enlisted,—names of the 70 substitutes from abroad not recorded.

Aiken, J. A. Lovejoy, F. E. Greisinger, W. G. Averill, J. P. Shedd, G. F. Stone, G. R. Hartshorn, Frank Crosby, Albion Wyman, L. A. Dunklee, Noah Lund, Charles W. Mills, B. F. Clarke, E. K. Jewett, J. E. Fuller, C. H. Osgood, H. C. Stimson, C. C. Bartlett, \*H. M. Mills, J. D. Crosby, Edwin Howard, Joseph Cushing, William Abbott, W. P. Connery, Alvin B. Chase, Justin Hutchinson, A. F. Crosby, \*Allen R. Hood, William Garvin, A. F. Hanscomb, Ed. Hanscomb, Jasper Osgood, Frederic A. Eldredge, James Ryan, H. A. Haskell, E. P. Jones, A. F. Hutchinson, F. A. Fisher, George Marvel, E. L. Nelson, F. T. Coggin, W. D. Hutchinson, Patrick Chroan, A. M. Hatch, John McKenny, R. H. Pierce, I. H. Leyden, J. Carleton, Jr., W. P. Easton, Charles H. Worcester, W. H. Gillis, Robert Chumard, H. O. Connor, John Dame, H. M. Tyler, Thomas Jess, Gilbert Wadleigh.

Sixty Milford soldiers lost their lives by the war,—40 of whom were never brought home to be buried.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY,  
OCTOBER 18, 1865.

“From the third annual meeting, October 18, 1864, till the last of May, 1865, the meetings were held weekly with a few interruptions. The levee holden last March was the most effective one the society has held for the accumulation of funds. Additional bonds were raised by individual subscription and by the membership fee of twenty-five cents. In November, 1864, and February, 1865, we sent to the New England branch of the Sanitary Commission two barrels and one-half. These two barrels contained the following articles: 57 pounds dried apple, 9 bed-quilts, 1 pair flannel drawers, 31 flannel shirts, 7 cotton shirts, 23 pairs woollen socks, 12 pairs slippers, 16 comfort bags, 53 old cotton handkerchiefs; beside hop cushions, reading matter, etc. The contents of the two barrels were valued at \$205.20. The half barrel contained pickles, and was not estimated by the committee. We have remaining on hand 1 bed-quilt, 21 flannel shirts, 18 woollen socks, 1 pair woollen drawers, and several varieties of cloth, buttons, thread, etc., as stock in trade and remaining in the treasury, valued at \$113.53.



## STATISTICAL RECAPITULATION OF THE SOCIETY'S OPERATIONS.

The first year sent away 1,557 articles, valued at .	\$392.95
The second year sent away 793 articles, valued at .	415.53
The third year sent away 422 articles, valued at .	289.72
The fourth year sent away 152 articles, valued at .	205.20
Remaining on hand 41 articles, valued at .	86.00
In hands of Miss H. L. Chase, treasurer . . .	113.53
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	\$1,506.93

"As the Rebellion has been crushed, peace has been joyfully proclaimed, and the object for which our association was instituted no longer needs our efforts; feeling that our benevolent efforts have not been in vain, we now disband our organization, and turn our attention to other pursuits and avocations, feeling thankful that we have been permitted to labor in the great cause of humanity—the cause of God—to sympathize with the afflicted and do something toward the salvation of our beloved country.

"E. A. LIVERMORE, Secretary.

"HANNAH L. CHASE, Treasurer."

Leonard Chase was commissioned as a recruiting officer with the rank of colonel and towards the close of the war was stationed at Washington for the purpose of enlisting colored soldiers to be credited to New Hampshire. From the beginning to the end of the war he gave much of his time to the public service.

Clinton S. Averill who had been educated at the military school at Norwich, Vermont, rendered valuable services in drilling recruits enlisted in Milford. His services were freely given whenever needed, and were of great value to officers and enlisted men. All commissioned officers from the town did more or less in the way of arousing the war spirit and enlisting men for service in the field. To particularize would be invidious.

In addition to those citizens already named in the reports of town and other meetings, Rev. J. W. Horton, the resident Baptist clergyman, deserves most honorable mention.



## CHAPTER XIII.

### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS— SONS OF VETERANS.

In 1868, "The Grand Army of the Republic" was in its infancy, but the patriotic devotion and inspiring zeal of Gen. John A. Logan sent its fame from the west, and the following named comrades, residents of Milford, presented a petition for a charter under which to form a post:

Thomas L. Livermore, John F. George, John M. Stanyan, W. H. W. Hinds, James M. Blanchard, Orrin A. Hamblett, George H. Drew, William H. Ramsdell, Clesson R. Stickney, Albert M. Darracott, Allen R. Hood, and John W. Crosby.

On the 25th day of June, 1868, the post was organized and the charter members were mustered in by Maj. Samuel F. Murray, the assistant-adjutant-general of the Department of New Hampshire.

The following recruits were received at the same meeting:

Joseph E. Mackey, David E. Proctor, Richard H. Pierce, Rodney W. Burdick, G. F. Fessenden, George E. Woodward, Elbridge Jewett, Albert A. Cochran, Ezra B. Peabody, and Joseph Cushing.

After which provisional officers were elected,—Thomas L. Livermore being elected as provisional commander.

July 10th by-laws were adopted, and the twenty-two members signed the regulations for the government of the Grand Army, and the post, and Post O. W. Lull, No. 11, was fully organized.

The post derived its name from a most courageous and patriotic man, a citizen of the town, who in speech and action gave his all for the flag; one who received his death wound in the front rank of attack on its foes at Port Hudson, La., on May 27, 1863.

Through the efforts of Mrs. R. H. Pierce, the wife of a veteran of two wars, the sum of eighty dollars was subscribed and paid into the post treasury by citizens of the town. The first fair was held in February, 1869, and netted the post the sum of \$230.12. A fine life-sized crayon portrait of Lt.Col. O. W. Lull was bought by the post and hung above the commander's chair.

At the time the town-house was completed there was much discussion as to the proper memorial to the brave men who had yielded up their lives that the country might live. Many favored a monument, but public sentiment, in the formation of which the members of the Grand Army took an active part, finally settled upon a memorial tablet to be placed in the vestibule of the town hall. Dr. S. S. Stickney was a most earnest advocate of this commemorative stone. At the dedication of the town-house, April 27, 1870, Col. Dana W. King of Nashua, himself a veteran, responded to the toast, "The Grand Army of the Republic," in which he paid a merited tribute to the brave men whose names were enrolled upon the marble at the entrance to the hall, and to the no less brave men who, surviving the vicissitudes of war had returned, bringing their shields with them, and whose names were, with very few exceptions, upon the rolls of Post O. W. Lull.

February 2, 1872, Comrade F. Coburn presented the post with a Bible in substantial binding.

The post has occupied its present quarters for twenty-one years; previously it successively used the old (Eagle) town-hall, Temperance hall, the library room in the new town-hall, the Baptist vestry, Whittemore hall, a hall in the Wheeler building, and one on the same floor with I. O. O. F. hall.

September 5th, the post attended the funeral of Gen. John G. Foster, at Nashua, a regular army officer and one of New Hampshire's most distinguished soldiers.

With all the cares devolving upon the veterans, many of whom had left good situations to go to the war and who found it no easy task to take up life's work as it had been left, we are not surprised to find upon its records entries like the following: "January 30th, 1875. Voted to hold its charter so long as fifteen members choose to retain it."

Though poor, the post, soon after this entry, "Voted to contribute ten dollars to the monument fund of the national cemetery at Chalmette, near New Orleans, La."

June 2, 1876, Comrade Col. D. W. King, of Nashua, having officiated as Memorial Day orator, a vote of thanks was given him for turning his fee into the "widow and orphan's fund" of the post. The next year Rev. Charles Wetherbee of Nashua (Memorial day orator) did likewise and received like thanks. May 30, 1878, Memorial Day was observed with more than usual interest. (For full particulars see page 317 of the Memorial book of the post. Reference is also made to the Memorial book and to the record books of Post No. 11 for many matters of great interest to Grand Army men and their friends.)

August 30th, the yellow-fever was in the city of New Orleans, La. The post sent ten dollars to Joseph H. Mower Post, G. A. R.; \$4,423.85 was sent from the North. (See pages 317-18 of Memorial book.)

In the spring of 1879 a new flag was purchased for the post. Mr. William P. Endicott gave ten dollars, and a like amount was contributed by Comrade C. R. Stickney. Others made up the balance of the cost of the flag.

May 7th, at a special meeting, on motion of Timothy Kaley, the town voted to give the use of its hall hereafter free to the G. A. R. for one evening in each year! also on the evening of the flag presentation. On the 8th of May the presentation took place. The lady committee were Mrs. Twitchell, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Everett Stickney, Mrs. R. H. Pierce, Mrs. H. Lizzie Foster, and Mrs. Celia F. P. Foster, who was also the toast-mistress for the evening. The flag was presented by Mrs. Twitchell and received by Comrade Frank P. Hood. Mrs. Emma Manning Huntley read an address to the flag; remarks were made by Editor Geo. E. Foster and R. M. Wallace, Esq. Mrs. Abbie Richardson sang, Mr. Blanpied read, and the band played grandly and gratuitously. The flag was a valuable one, properly inscribed, and is now in the possession of Post Lull.

October 1, 1880, General Order No. 9, from Department Head-quarters in relation to forming a "Ladies' Auxiliary Relief Corps," was read. The post chose a committee of ladies, con-

sisting of Mrs. R. H. Pierce, Mrs. J. K. Sargent, and Mrs. Mary A. Lull, to represent it. On November 5th, Mrs. Lull reported to the post the result of a meeting held at Laconia, N. H., on October 21st. Subsequently the Woman's Relief Corps No. 5 was organized in Milford. At the state organization Mrs. M. A. Lull accepted the position of senior vice-president, but the failure of the president-elect to attend thrust her into the working place, and she was eventually the first department-president. To her energy was owing the early success of the corps.

On July 13th, a strawberry festival was held by the Woman's Relief Corps. Miss Sarah Bruce, Miss Kate Dickey, Mrs. J. R. Perkins, and Mrs. Abbie Hutchinson added much to the occasion by readings and songs.

The *Enterprise* gives an account of a fair opening on October 9th in a big rain-storm. Three columns are used in description and a half column enumerates the presents, including coal, cigars, shaves, etc. The popular barber, Mr. Goodwin, offered the prize shaves, twenty of them. They were drawn by a young lady of Hollis with whom Mr. Goodwin was and is still unacquainted.

February 15, 1884, the post voted to attend the funeral of Col. George Bowers, of Nashua, a past department-commander and a veteran of two wars. Comrades Hood, Grafton, and Farwell represented the post.

July 1, 1885, the post fund amounted to the sum of \$892.95. The quarter-master reported that the post paid out for relief in the year ending July 1, 1885, \$342.25.

April 28, 1886, the post resolved to plant a tree on the oval to be known as the "Grand Army Memorial Oak." The following comrades set it out: H. P. Hamblett, A. B. Hutchinson, C. M. Pond, A. A. Hutchinson, J. W. Crosby, John Burke, R. Chumard, George Farwell, E. B. Peabody, E. K. Jewett, and C. P. Chickering. The tree died within a year and Comrades Porter Colby, J. F. Grafton, and James R. Ashton, as a committee, set out another which to-day (1894) is alive. It promises a giant's growth and a century's warring strength.

The following item is from the Corps No. 5 records, March 9, 1888:



“Mrs. Hinds, the chairman of the monument committee (The ‘Unknown Dead’), reported \$24.15 received from Major Murray’s lecture. August 31st, the Woman’s Relief Corps No. 5 gave the post the very liberal sum of twenty-five dollars towards the new carpet which was being put in the hall by Comrade J. R. Perkins.”

In the Milford *Advance* of November 20th, 1888, is the first notice of a national flag being prepared for presentation to the schools of the town. The public press complimented Milford on being the foremost town to move in that direction. Other places have claimed precedence in point of time, but we believe that Mrs. Hinds antedated all rivals in being the first to cause the national flag to be raised over the American school-house. It is well remembered when she first gave and solicited funds to be used for that patriotic purpose.

(For a full account of the presentation on December 12th, see the *Advance* of December 18th, 1888.)

On the evening of December 21st, Mrs. Mary A. Lull visited the post on invitation, and made a detailed statement in regard to her proposed gift to the town and soldiers of the town, of a lot on her grounds and money pledged towards the building of a Memorial hall on said lot. The proposition contemplated the erection of a building, a part of which should be used for the accommodation of the public library. The town decided not to join in the enterprise and provided new quarters for the library by an addition to the town-house on the east.

On March 1st, a resolution was offered by Comrade W. W. Hemmenway in regard to the proposed formation here of a camp of the “Sons of Veterans.” The post voted the use of our hall free for one year to the camp if formed. Camp John W. Spaulding, No. 38, Sons of Veterans, was instituted on March 27, 1889, by a delegation from John Q. A. Warren Camp of Nashua. Thomas H. O’Connor was chosen captain of Camp No. 38. The other officers were: First lieutenant, Walter Follett; second lieutenant, George H. Richardson; first sergeant, Edward M. Stanyan; quartermaster-sergeant, W. H. W. Hinds, Jr.; sergeant of guard, Edward H. Hinds; camp guard, C. H. Stimson; color bearer, George Adams; corporal of guard, W. H. Garrity; picket guard, George Follett; chaplain, Fred



A. Farwell; musician, Edward Kittredge; camp council, Fred Green, W. H. Garrity, C. H. Stimson; representative, Edward M. Stanyan; alternate, W. H. W. Hinds, Jr. Other captains of the Sons of Veterans since have been Walter Follett, Fred A. Farwell, and George M. Follett.

Through the medium of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, a fine flag was presented to the Sons of Veterans, Miss M. Grace Hemmenway (Sargent) presenting, and Captain O'Connor accepting the gift.

The following is taken from the Milford *Advance* :

"A course of eight 'War Talks' was held in G. A. R. hall in the winter of 1888-'89. The first was given December 18, 1888, by Comrade Fessenden of the Fourth New Hampshire Volunteers, on the Siege and Evacuation of Charleston, S. C. The second was given January 3, 1889, by Comrade J. M. Stanyan on the Siege of Port Hudson. The third was given January 10th by Comrade W. W. Hemmenway. His subject was 'Remembrances of Grant and the Campaign of the Wilderness, and to Petersburg.' Miss Edith Hemmenway sang the 'Star Spangled Banner,' and the Stanyan family sang a song, original in words and music, entitled 'The Swing in the Old Elm Tree.' January 15, 1889, Comrade John Kenney of the Second New Hampshire Volunteers gave the fourth lecture in the course, it being an account of the campaigning of that regiment. There were songs by Mrs. Frank Ordway and Miss Maude Kenney.

"January 31st, Comrade J. W. Crosby gave the fifth 'Talk,' it being mostly of sketches of army life and of Milford men in the 'Fighting Fifth.' There were songs by Mrs. Ella M. Ramsdell, Miss A. M. Stanyan, and Mrs. George Eaton. Comrade H. F. Warren of the Thirteenth New Hampshire Volunteers gave the sixth lecture on Fredericksburg, Petersburg, and Richmond. Songs by Miss C. Perham and Mrs. J. S. Stowell. The seventh 'War Talk' was by Sergeant Patrick Dillon of the Tenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He told of the assassination of President Lincoln, he being on guard duty in and about Ford's Theatre on that night. Songs were by Miss Edith Hemmenway. The eighth 'War Talk' was by Comrade C. F. Stinson, of Mont Vernon, giving his experiences among the colored troops of the Nineteenth United States colored troops in Virginia and in Texas, and in the mine before Petersburg. All of the foregoing talks were to raise money for the fund of the 'Monument for the Unknown Dead.'"

In the *Advance* of January 7, 1890, is a four-column description of the Sons of Veterans campfire, with Sergeant Edward M. Stanyan as toast-master, and speeches by H. F. Warren, Mrs. M. A. Lull, Col. F. E. Kaley, Capt. H. O'Connor, and Comrades Hemmenway and J. W. Crosby.

November 2d, Relief Corps No. 5 contributed ten dollars to aid the work upon the cemetery lot. For the same purpose the Sons of Veterans gave twenty-five dollars.

In the *Cabinet* of October 22d, 1891, is a full account of the "Merchants' Carnival," in which seventy trades and professions were represented. It was entirely a local affair carried on by Relief Corps No. 5. As a result, the post on November 11th received a cash gift of one hundred dollars from the Woman's Relief Corps.

March 4, 1892, acknowledgments were sent to Charles J. Hamblett, Esq., of Nashua, formerly of Milford, a rising young lawyer, for his very able and interesting Memorial Day oration, and for his cash gift to the post of twenty-five dollars.

The monument to the "Unknown Dead" in yard No. 3, was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1892. The Woman's Relief Corps committee on the monument were Mrs. W. H. W. Hinds, Mrs. Mary O. Hemmenway, and Mrs. C. F. P. Foster. This committee did a large amount of work before their wishes were realized, but the result of their labor now appears in the appropriate monument which graces the soldiers' cemetery lot.

After the death of Mrs. Hinds, February 12th, 1890, Mrs. H. Lizzie Foster took her place. Although Mrs. Hinds was denied the privilege of seeing the monument put in its place, one of her last public acts was to place in the hands of the treasurer twenty-five dollars, that being the amount of "benefit" which Corps No. 5 had voted to her.

(For full accounts, see the *Cabinet* of June 2d, 1892.)

Mrs. Frank P. Hood is given, by the ladies of the Relief Corps, the credit of originating the plan of buying a cemetery lot. The first one was exchanged for the one now occupied, the grading of which cost three hundred dollars, a large part of which sum was paid by the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans.

On February 2, 1893, Mrs. Mary A. Lull gave, before the

post and invited friends, a lecture on "Paris as I saw it." Her auditors remember it as a rare treat, which reached its climax when the lady presented to the post a framed engraving of the "Lion of Lucerne" which she had obtained in Europe to give to the post. It was a surprise. Past-Commander Stanyan responded for the comrades.

March 17th, a communication was received from John W. Spaulding Camp No. 38, announcing the surrender of its charter and donating to the post for their use the sum of thirty-three dollars; also its flag and swords, to be held in trust for another camp if one should be organized in town. The post accepted the trust offered, hoping soon to place the swords and flag in the hands of a renewed and stronger organization.

The Sons of Veterans kept their organization nearly four years. Their numbers were at most thirty-six. They paid to the post as auxiliaries, the sum of sixty-eight dollars.

July 21, 1893, the post voted that a committee of three, of which Commander O. H. Foster should be one, should take sole charge of transcribing the historical records of the members of Post Lull, and the soldiers of the town into the new Memorial book. Comrades Stanyan and Fessenden were joined with the commander.

The post in its twenty-five years of existence has had one hundred and sixty-seven members. It has now seventy-two. Its printed roster is in the Memorial book. It has paid out in charity, the sum of \$2,700. As a post it has helped to dedicate soldiers' monuments at New Ipswich, Peterborough, Amherst, Manchester, Merrimack, Temple, and Nashua.

In 1892, Past-Commander E. B. Peabody was a delegate to the National Encampment. Its commander for 1894 is Comrade J. R. Perkins.

#### PAST POST COMMANDERS.

	Year.
1. Thomas L. Livermore (provisional) . . . . .	1868
2. James M. Blanchard . . . . .	1868
3. George H. Drew . . . . .	1869
4. Richard H. Pierce . . . . .	1869
5. John W. Crosby . . . . .	1870
6. J. E. Mackey . . . . .	1871
7. Orrin A. Hamblett . . . . .	1872

	Year.
8. A. Worcester, Jr. . . . .	1873
9. E. K. Jewett . . . . .	1874
10. A. A. Hutchinson . . . . .	1875
11. John F. Grafton . . . . .	1876
12. A. R. Hood . . . . .	1877
13. F. P. Hood, two terms . . . . .	1878-'79
14. C. H. Perkins . . . . .	1880
15. H. O'Connor . . . . .	1881
16. D. J. Crosby . . . . .	1882
17. E. B. Peabody . . . . .	1883
18. W. W. Hemmenway . . . . .	1884
19. H. P. Hamblett, two terms . . . . .	1885-'86
20. George E. Farwell . . . . .	1887
21. A. B. Hutchinson . . . . .	1888
22. H. F. Warren . . . . .	1889
23. E. A. Fessenden . . . . .	1890
24. C. P. Chickering . . . . .	1891
25. J. M. Stanyan . . . . .	1892
26. O. H. Foster . . . . .	1893

Mrs. Mary O. Hemmenway, the present secretary of Relief Corps No. 5, gives farther information in regard to Corps matters, as follows :

"It was instituted on January 6, 1881, with twenty-eight charter members, by Mrs. Mattie B. Moulton of Laconia. The following ladies have been presidents of the Corps: Mary A. Lull, Charlotte S. Robbins (Perkins), Annie M. Hinds, Mary O. Hemmenway, Hattie L. Farwell, H. Lizzie Foster, N. Jennie Darracott, Mary C. Kenney. The present membership is ninety-three, fifteen having died since its organization. Two members, Mrs. Mary A. Lull and Mrs. Celia F. P. Foster, have each held the position of department president two years. Mrs. Annie M. Hinds was department treasurer for two years, viz., 1887-'88. It is well to add that Miss Charlotte S. Robbins (Perkins), was Mrs. Foster's department secretary in the year 1887, and Mrs. Mary O. Hemmenway the same in 1888. Mrs. H. Lizzie Foster was department inspector in 1892. Mrs. Julia A. Hill is president of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 5 for the year 1894.

"In its thirteen years of existence, Corps No. 5 has paid out in pure charity the sum of nine hundred dollars, and many more un-numbered dollars in unpretentious ways of doing good."

On the evening of December 15, 1893, the post, with the assistance of the Relief Corps, celebrated their silver anniver-



sary. Bad weather prevented a large attendance, but those present were enthusiastic. Commander O. H. Foster presided. A full two-column report is to be found in the *Cabinet* of December 21, 1893. According to that, the speakers upon the platform were: His Excellency Governor Smith of Hillsborough, Hon. John McLane, the donor of the Memorial book, Commander Noyes, of the department of New Hampshire, and many other distinguished guests of the post. The donor, in responding to the toast, "The Milford Soldiers," took that opportunity to present in fitting terms the valuable Memorial book to the post, which accepted it through its commander, the chairman, Comrade O. H. Foster.

December 29th, at a meeting of the post, resolutions were proposed and passed by Post Lull, highly commending the Hon. John McLane for his valuable gift to the post.

Now the silver year recedes into the irrevocable past and the post goes on to its golden goal, but will soon call in its out-posts, shorten its picket lines and retreat upon the main forces which will before A. D. 1918, be stationed in the great cities. Toward them, occasionally, the lone comrades will make their way to meet others of the once great Grand Army of the Republic now in its prime, then in its decadence, but even then some brilliant recollections will flash across the more than half a century to the campaign of 1861-1865, as the survivors recall the stirring events of that period, and distance will lend enchantment to the view, robing the past in its azure hue.

List of all members of Post Oliver W. Lull, No. 11, Department of New Hampshire, residents of Milford and otherwise, from 1868 to 1894. The arm of the service to which each belonged is understood to be infantry, unless otherwise designated:

C. A. Adams, C, 16th N. H.

H. B. Ames, C, 11th N. H.

James R. Ashton, M, 17th Ill. cavalry.

Jas. M. Blanchard, 1st sergt., B, 8th N. H.; capt., U. S. C. T.

Persons Bartlett, corporal, E, 35 Mass.

Sam. G. Beard, G, 2d N. H.

John R. Bayley, B, 35th Mass.

Chas. C. Bartlett, C, 16th N. H.

John A. Brown, D, 53d Mass.



Henry Baker, A, 1st N. H. battery.  
D. W. Burns, G, 45th Mass.  
N. W. Blake, A, 6th N. H.  
Jason W. Bills, A, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
John C. Bennett, B, 9th N. H.  
Thomas Broderick, corporal, F, 10th N. H.  
Robert E. Benden, A, 9th N. H.  
A. F. Boutelle, F, 1st N. H. artillery.  
A. E. Bennett, F, 2d N. H.  
R. W. Burdick, sergeant, E, 3d N. H.  
A. B. Bennett, fife major, 9th N. H.  
J. A. Boynton, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
Charles H. Burnham, E, 10th Maine.  
Michael Bresnahan, F, 10th N. H.  
John Burke, D, 6th N. H.  
E. A. Butler, B, 10th N. H.  
John W. Crosby, 1st lieutenant, 5th N. H.  
Albert A. Cochran, C, 4th N. H.  
J. L. Coffin, C, 24th Mass.  
James Carr, 1st N. H. battery.  
W. A. Crosby, B, 8th N. H.  
Josiah Colburn, E, 7th N. H.  
Joseph Cushing, C, 16th N. H.  
Francis M. Cole, A, 2d Mass. artillery.  
Porter Colby B, 7th N. H. ; 3d Mass. cavalry.  
Chas. P. Chickering, corporal, 7th Vt.  
John H. Coggin, wagoner, 14th N. H.  
R. M. Chumard, B, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
Orange S. Cook, G, 21st Mass.  
F. Coburn, M, 2d Mass. heavy artillery.  
D. J. Crosby, G, 53d Mass.  
Jas. N. Cutler, C, 14th Mass. ; sergt., C, 1st Mass. heavy art'y.  
Frank W. Chase, H, Lafayette artillery.  
Walter Comstock, musician, 8th N. H.  
George H. Drew, 2d lieutenant, A, 9th N. H.  
S. G. Dearborn, surgeon, 8th N. H.  
A. M. Darracott, B, 8th N. H.  
Patrick Dillon, sergeant, F, 10th N. H.  
James G. Dearmid, I, 29th Mass.  
P. Eastman, E, 2d N. H.  
W. R. Eaton, U. S. Navy.  
George D. Epps, musician, F, 1st N. H.  
H. D. Evans, G, 13th N. H.  
William P. Easton, F, 1st N. H.  
Oliver H. Foster, Lafayette artillery.  
Edwin A. Fessenden, D, 4th N. H. ; 173 veteran res. corps.  
A. M. Fletcher, quarter-master sergeant, F, 12th Ill. cavalry.

Charles P. Fiske, hospital steward, U. S. A.  
George F. Fessenden, E, 4th N. H.  
John Fales, corporal, E, 3d U. S. artillery.  
George C. Farwell, A, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
D. J. Farley, G, — Mass.  
F. A. Fisher, corporal, F, 3d Mass. heavy artillery  
John B. Fretts, sergeant, F, 9th N. H.  
John F. George, captain, 2d Mass.  
John F. Grafton, corporal, A, 21st Maine.  
Thomas Gourley, B, 8th N. H.  
W. C. Gorham, G, 67th N. Y.  
Charles H. Gibson, corporal, D, 20th Conn.  
George Garvin, bugler, 1st Mich. engineers.  
Orrin A. Hamblett, C, 13th Mass.  
Orlando Hoyt, D, 1st N. H. cavalry.  
H. W. Holden, Lafayette artillery.  
Allen R. Hood, 1st N. H. cavalry; 16th Mass.  
A. B. Hutchinson, Lafayette artillery.  
W. H. W. Hinds, surgeon, 17th and 12th Mass.  
A. M. Hatch, F, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
H. P. Hamblett, bandmaster, A, 9th N. H.  
A. A. Hutchinson, F, 3d Mass. heavy artillery.  
Frank P. Hood, H, 7th N. H.  
Justin E. Hutchinson; C, 16th N. H.  
Judson A. Hamblett, brigade band, Ninth Army corps.  
G. R. Hartshorn, C, 16th N. H.  
W. W. Hemmenway, captain, 18th Mass.  
Elbridge K. Jewett, C, 16th N. H.  
C. C. Jaquith, A, 18th N. H.  
E. P. Jones, E, 3d N. H.  
Henry Kirby, C. of H., ship *Vandalia*, gunboat *Aroostook*.  
Edw. G. Kittredge, B, 1st battery from cavalry.  
Thomas L. Livermore, colonel, 18th N. H.  
George S. Little, Navy ship *Nipsic*.  
George H. Lund, C, 2d N. H. heavy artillery.  
Willard Lovejoy, 1st Md. cavalry.  
Francis Long, corporal, E, 16th Vt.  
Peter Larily, L, 2d Mass artillery.  
Leander Lovejoy, Lafayette artillery.  
Charles E. Lathe, 1st N. H. cavalry.  
John H. Lund, D, 4th N. H.  
J. A. Lovejoy, F, 9th N. H.  
George H. Marvell, F, 3d Mass. heavy artillery.  
George H. Murry, F, 9th N. H.  
Charles E. Marvell, F, 3d Mass. heavy artillery.  
J. H. Manning, A, 62d Mass.  
Xenophon E. Mills, B, 8th N. H.

Robert McKensie, B, 8th N. H.  
J. E. Mackey, F, 9th N. H.  
John Mahar, 5th N. H.  
A. A. Nichols, musician, Lafayette artillery.  
A. F. Nelson, musician, 10th N. H.  
Eugene L. Nelson, F, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
Hugh O'Connor, F, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
Thomas O'Connell, F, 10th N. H.  
George W. Osgood, musician, 4th N. H.  
Joel F. Osgood, Jr., Lafayette artillery.  
R. H. Orcott, A, 1st N. H. cavalry.  
D. E. Proctor, sergt., B, 13th N. H. ; capt. 30th, U. S. C. T.,  
bvt. maj.  
R. H. Pierce, corporal, F, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
Charles M. Pond, D, 11th N. H.  
Ezra B. Peabody, F, 3d N. H.  
J. C. Philbrick, A, 8th N. H.  
Charles H. Perkins, B, 4th N. H.  
H. W. Parker, D, 17th Maine.  
Frank E. Pond, E, 15th N. H.  
E. J. Parker, Lafayette artillery.  
Peter F. Pike, B, 13th N. H.  
John D. Pedrick, E, 10th N. H.  
P. Frank Phelps, 1st sergeant, C, 9th N. H.  
John R. Perkins, G, 16th N. H.  
Charles B. Pinkham, G, 2d N. H.  
William H. Ramsdell, I, 2d N. H.  
George W. Ruland, corporal, H, 102 N. Y.  
Charles G. Rideout, wagon-master, H, 7th N. H.  
Charles A. Richardson, K, 5th Maine.  
W. F. Russell, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
Henry L. Robbins, B, 8th N. H.  
B. Ryan, C, 9th N. H.  
Clesson R. Stickney, sergt., 8th N. H. ; 1st lieut., U. S. C. T.  
J. M. Stanyan, captain, B, 8th N. H.  
Charles F. Stinson, C, 13th N. H. ; capt., bvt. maj., U. S. C. T.  
W. A. Starrett, B, 13th N. H.  
Ira Stanyan, G, 1st Mass. cavalry.  
James M. Smith, E, 8th N. H.  
Alvin R. Smith, C, 2d N. H.  
John H. Smith, B, 13th N. H.  
James P. Shedd, 1st N. H. battery.  
J. Sheenan, E, 17th Mass.  
Jacob Sargent, F, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
A. G. Tinker, C, 4th N. H.  
D. M. Thompson, post band, 2d brigade, Tenth Army corps.  
E. F. Trow, E, 13th N. H.

N. Taylor, A, 18th Mass.  
 James Toomey, marine corps.  
 N. E. Truell, H, 7th N. H.  
 John F. Wetherbee, 13th N. H.  
 G. E. Woodward, A, 13th N. H.  
 H. F. Warren, B, 13th N. H.  
 K. J. Wilson, K, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
 O. N. Willoby, E, 15th N. H.  
 Samuel B. Webster, corporal, E, 7th Maine.  
 C. O. Whitney, H, 6th Vt.  
 Michael Welch, C, 26th N. Y.  
 Alvah D. Wilson, E, 4th N. H.  
 William G. Woodworth, A, 4th Vt.  
 C. L. Wilkins, B, 8th N. H.  
 A. Worcester, Jr., captain, F, 2d Vt.  
 J. L. Woods, B, 2d N. H.  
 W. Q. Young, C, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.

List of soldiers living in the town (1894) who served in the Union army in the years 1861-'65, not members of the post:

David W. Downs, 1st lieutenant, head-quarters cavalry,  
 Department of the Gulf.  
 James H. Fay, 17th U. S. infantry.  
 W. H. Gillis, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
 Thomas B. Hall, 1st N. H. heavy artillery  
 B. H. Howe, brigade band.  
 Louis K. Hutchinson, 1st Mass. heavy artillery.  
 Richard Jordan, D, 5th Mass.  
 John Kenney, G, 2d N. H.  
 S. F. Kendall, 4th Penn. cavalry.  
 Julian C. Lease, 4th Vt.  
 J. C. Lewis, 48th Wis.  
 Henry H. Manning, 4th N. H.  
 John B. Melendy, 5th N. H.  
 Alphonse Maddox, F, 9th Maine.  
 John W. Nichols, K, 16th N. Y. and 2d N. Y. vet. cav.  
 Dewitt C. Parker, H, 1st N. H. heavy artillery.  
 Levi Putnam, 4th N. H.  
 David M. Perham, 9th N. H.  
 Frederick Turner, corporal, C, 9th N. H.  
 Daniel C. Wyatt, F, 1st U. S. sharpshooters.  
 R. M. Winters, 5th Mass.; ship *Watteree*.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### THE STATE MILITIA—OFFICERS OF THE MILFORD COMPANIES— TRAINING DAYS—OLD-FASHIONED MUSTERS.

At the time of the incorporation of the town, in 1794, the state had a thoroughly organized military system, requiring all free able-bodied white male citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty years to be enrolled for service. Milford was included in the Fifth regiment, and, in 1796, Joshua Burnham of this town was its major.

In 1808, the militia law was amended and a new arrangement of towns forming regiments made, but Milford still remained a part of the Fifth regiment and Josiah Osgood of this town was its colonel.

The militia laws of the state in force in 1794, as remodelled in 1808, remained the laws of the state without essential alteration for forty years, and our militia was well disciplined and a credit to the state. But time brought changes. The long peace following the War of 1812, made our citizens forgetful of the truth embodied in our Bill of Rights, that "a well regulated militia is the proper, natural, and secure defence of a state." Our militia, by legislative enactment, became a mere skeleton, and that existing only on paper.

We have made no attempt to obtain an exhaustive list of the officers of the regiment which, from time to time, included the town of Milford. Among the earlier regimental officers were Col. Joshua Burnham and Col. Josiah Osgood. Many years after we find the name of Col. Benjamin Hutchinson, who also was commissioned a brigadier-general, and still later Col. Stephen Peabody, a nephew of Colonel Peabody of revolutionary fame. In the '40s we find the name of Maj. Abel Chase of this town. The writer remembers well the soldierly bearing of Major Chase at the muster upon Amherst plain (1844), when Gen. John McNeil, whose gallant conduct in



the War of 1812 reflected great honor upon his native state, reviewed the militia assembled for drill and display. Major Chase was mounted upon the famous Morgan horse, then known as the Royalston horse. That officer was taken ill before the close of the day, and Capt. Edmund P. Hutchinson, then the ranking captain of the regiment, took his place and acted as major the remainder of the day.

During the first half of this century Milford was noted for its military spirit. The following is a partial list of names of those commanding the Milford company or companies from time to time: Capt. Joshua Burnham, Capt. Joshua Osgood, Capt. Joshua Moore, in the earlier days of the town's history; and later Capt. Jacob Hutchinson, Capt. Frederick Crosby, Capt. Franklin Abbott, Capt. Peter Burns, Capt. Joel W. Duncklee, Capt. Joseph Crosby, Capt. Freeman Hutchinson, Capt. John B. Hutchinson, Capt. Martin Hall, Capt. George W. Came, Capt. Edmund P. Hutchinson, Capt. William J. D. Burt, Capt. Abel C. Crosby, Capt. William B. Burns, Capt. Christopher C. Shaw.

While all citizens between prescribed ages were compelled to do military duty, such as chose to do so were allowed to form themselves into volunteer companies of light infantry. Most towns of the size of Milford, in 1800, had a light infantry company. All such companies had uniforms and presented a striking contrast to the ordinary militia companies in citizen dress. The light infantry company of this town was always well disciplined and officered. The *Amherst Cabinet*, in an account of the muster held in that town Sept. 12, 1821, says, "The Dunstable cadets and the Milford light infantry gained great and merited applause by their soldier-like appearance and the ease with which they performed various evolutions new to most of the spectators."

The light infantry company was of course made up of those citizens who enjoyed training days and the muster field, and who took an honest pride in the praise that was often awarded to the Milford light infantry company.

There were two training days during the year—the May or spring training and the fall training. The members of the light infantry company came out without urging, for they had fine

uniforms in which to appear. But among the remainder of the men in town who were liable to military duty, there were always some who appeared with the greatest reluctance and often in many-colored clothes. This was especially the case in the latter years of the old-fashioned militia. Ingenuity was often exercised to enable a member of the town company to appear as grotesque as possible. To get his men out for parade drill the captain issued a warrant to one of his corporals requiring him to warn every man in town, liable to duty and not a member of a uniformed company, to appear on a certain day at a certain place and wait for orders. Every delinquent was subject to a fine. This fine could be paid in money, or the soldier in contempt could expose personal property to be levied upon in satisfaction of the fine and costs.

The last year of the training days, Samuel Ames, who was somewhat of a non-resistant and a great lover of fun, having been fined for non-attendance and other acts of an unsoldierly character, when called upon to pay his fine, exposed to the officer, as his presentation of personal property for levy, some codfish and new rum. These articles were attached and sold at auction in presence of a large crowd. The liquor was drank on the spot, and the codfish disposed of, some crackers having been provided to help it off. Owing to an irregularity in the sale, a suit was brought by Ames for the value of the property irregularly taken by the officer, in which he prevailed.

The regimental muster was an annual affair of interest to almost everyone. Not only were the soldiers on the training field (some large area of level land easily accessible by the different companies of the regiment; in case of the fifth regiment usually at Amherst, sometimes at Milford), but almost all the people of the neighborhood, together with peddlers and dealers in all sorts of wares. The muster attracted all sorts and conditions of people. Men, women, and children went to the muster, some to practise their arts and to cheat, some to be practised upon and to be cheated. Gingerbread was sold and cheap confectionery. All sorts of games of chance could be indulged in, and occasionally the professional gambler appeared with his gaming apparatus. At sunrise the companies were on the ground. The bugle sounded and the muster began. The

first corporal marshalled the men into an orderly line. The officers were received and the morning manœuvring commenced. Early in the forenoon the regimental line was formed and the staff officers rode upon the field. The best horses the country afforded were called into service upon these occasions. Some well-known parade horses appeared several times during the fall, as the regiments, as a rule, mustered on different days.

The review and inspection occupied most of the forenoon. After this the soldiers were dismissed for dinner. Lunch or dinner over, they joined the crowd in looking at the fat lady, the two-headed boy, the Siamese twins, and pigs with eight feet. The sham fight which ends the day, comes on with the declining sun, and the companies are matched, one half against the other in a sham battle. This over, the lines are again formed and the men drawn up in a hollow square. The colonel, always mounted, takes his place in the centre and thanks his soldiers for their good appearance. The reviewing brigadier-general makes another speech, and the regiment is dismissed. Much intemperance prevailed at these old musters, but on the whole good order was observed until the close of the parade.

Twice, at least, the regimental muster was held at Milford on the ground opposite the Jonathan Towne house on the Nashua road, afterward the Fair Ground, in the years 1832 and 1840.



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B. F. FOSTER'S BLOCK.





## CHAPTER XV.

### DATE OF DECEASE OF SEVERAL OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN —RECORD OF IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING THE FIRST CENTURY OF THE TOWN'S EXISTENCE.

Before the incorporation of the town six of the early settlers died.

John Burns, August 4, 1782, aged 81 years.

John Shepard, November 29, 1785, aged 79 years.

Benjamin Hopkins, June 11, 1787, aged 86 years.

William Peabody, May 31, 1791, aged 77 years.

William Wallace, May 24, 1793, aged 72 years.

Josiah Crosby, October 15, 1793, aged 63 years.

1794.

The year the town was incorporated the legislature met in Amherst. Abundant provision was made for the General Court; no less than twenty-two taverners and retailers procuring licenses just before the opening of the session. Within a few weeks of the signing of the charter by the governor the town of Lyndeboro petitioned the town of Milford to favorably consider a proposition which they were about to make the legislature to annex the town of Lyndeboro to the town of Milford. The town voted "to favor the petition provided the Lyndeboro people would agree never to attempt to have the meeting-house moved from the place where it then stood, or to have any other meeting-house built in the town."

The first child born in town, after its incorporation, was Asa Merrill, son of Nathan Merrill, on the 17th day of January.

The second child was born the same day, but at a later hour, and was Jacob Richardson. His parents resided upon the Lewis place, upon the north side of the river.

The season was one of the most forward ever known. Winter rye was in bloom, and apples were as large as ounce balls,

May 17th. A severe frost the following night cut down all vegetation.

1795.

Nathan Hutchinson, the original settler upon the Edwin D. Searles farm, died January 12, aged 78 years. The first stage coach seen in this vicinity commenced to run during this year, from Boston to Amherst.

July 25, died, Rachel, wife of Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, at the age of 76 years.

In the assessment of taxes this year, against the name of Abial Holt, in a column by itself, stands the word "faculty," and a money value carried out in the same column, and a tax assessed. In 1797 a faculty tax was assessed against William Powers, Oliver Spalding, and Robert Taggart. It seems to have been a custom in the early part of this century to tax the faculties of parties who were not possessed of much property, but who seemed to have the ability to earn a good living. It may have been based on a statute which has escaped the notice of the historian.

1796.

The Milford Social Library was organized, and five years later incorporated by the legislature. Its membership included some residents of Amherst. In addition to the maintenance of a library, some literary exercises were provided for. It continued to exist until about the time of the organization of the Milford Lyceum, when its proprietors voted to discontinue their work, and dispose of their books at public auction. It was a useful institution, and of great benefit to the town during the third of a century it existed.

September 2, died, Abner Hutchinson, aged 72 years. His widow died, September, 1801, aged 71 years.

1797.

At the annual town meeting, a committee consisting of William Crosby, William Peabody, Joshua Burnham, Caleb Jones, and Jonathan Jones, was appointed to propose a plan for a pound. At an adjourned meeting the plan was accepted, and the pound was built near the stone blacksmith shop, on the Wil-

ton road. There was evidently some trouble caused by sheep and swine running at large in the vicinity of the meeting-house at this time, for at the annual meeting it was "voted that no sheep or swine belonging to those inhabitants who live within half a mile of the meeting-house be allowed to run at large, so as to be found doing damage on the common or nigh the meeting-house, under a penalty of a shilling a head for every offense." It was also "voted that Augustus Blanchard, William Peabody, and Joshua Burnham, be a committee to build the county bridge, and to add to the butment of said bridge, as may be thought necessary in their opinion, or by the best advice."

The name of Dr. Robert Smith appears upon the tax list this year, and also as a member of the committee on the part of the town to hire preaching, but the historian has no further information in regard to this physician. His name does not appear as a tax payer at the time of the incorporation of the town.

#### 1798.

The winter of 1798 and 1799 was long and severe. As early as November 20, snow was three feet deep upon a level, and remained without much diminution until the latter part of April.

Andrew Bradford, one of the first settlers, died during this year, at the age of 80 years.

"August 9, Dr. John Peabody, of the north-west parish, now Mont Vernon, visited this town wearing a French cockade in his hat. A large collection of citizens of the place soon gathered around the house where he stopped, and requested him to remove the French emblem which they regarded as a badge of treason. Upon his refusal to do this, and attempts to defend himself with a butcher knife, while cursing the constitution of the country, recourse was had to arguments stronger than requests; the cockade and hat were dismantled, and the doctor was seen parading through the doorway with his heels in the air. The citizens then formed a circle around him and gave three cheers for the triumphs of Federalism, after which the doctor was dismissed, with an intimation that, if he visited the town again wearing a cockade, the mill pond would be at his service." (Village Messenger, August 11, 1798.)

At the annual meeting "it was voted to give liberty for a hay market to be erected," and William Peabody, Augustus Blanchard, and William Crosby were appointed a committee to fix upon a place for its location. It was located upon the north side of the old meeting-house, in the triangle of the common made by the highways bounding it on the east and northwest. This hay market consisted of a building open at both ends, and high enough and wide enough to receive a load of hay, with considerable spare room above the load. Suspended from the high beams was a huge steel yard, fixed upon the same beams was a windlass; the body of the cart or wagon was connected with the windlass by strong chains or ropes, the windlass was made to revolve by the use of levers or iron bars until the team with its load was raised from the ground six inches or more. The cart, or wagon and its load, was then transferred to the steelyard and the weighing accomplished in much the same way as in the case of lesser bodies. These hay-scales remained in their original position, until the town house was moved in 1846, a few rods to the northeast. The old hay-scales gave way to the re-located town house. Major Stimson, who had a cobbler's shop close to the bridge, was the genial owner and superintendent of this hay market during the latter part of its existence. About the time of the destruction of the old market, platform scales were erected by Putnam & Chase, in front of the brick building now owned by John McLane, and afterwards platform scales in connection with the mill near the Buxton tavern-stand.

1799.

At the annual town meeting the sense of the voters was taken upon the question of the revision of the state constitution. One vote was given in favor of a revision and fifty-five against it.

December 14, died George Washington. This was the saddest day the town had seen. Many soldiers of Captain Crosby's company who were present when Washington took command of the army after the Battle of Bunker Hill, were still living. Andrew Leavitt, at this time of Amherst, but a member of Captain Crosby's company, repeatedly stated in his lifetime that after Washington had made a short address he read the one hundred and first Psalm. There is a tradition in the Wallace family, then



represented by the soldier, Joseph Wallace, that when Washington had finished reading the psalm the company took up the matter and sang or chanted it to an appropriate tune.

1800.

Moses Nowell became a citizen of Milford. He had been an officer in the Revolutionary war while a resident of Massachusetts. He at once took a prominent position among the citizens of this town. He occupied a farm on the northerly slope of Federal hill many years; but at the time of his decease, at the age of ninety-two years, he resided in the village.

February 22, services commemorative of President Washington were held in Amherst in which the citizens of Milford joined, and the members of Benevolent Lodge, No. 7, participated. An oration was pronounced by Charles H. Atherton.

October 12, died, Dea. Elisha Hutchinson, the grandfather of the Hutchinson family of singers, aged forty-nine years.

December 28, died, Sampson Crosby, at the age of sixty-nine. He was a Revolutionary soldier, living in town at its incorporation, and having his home in the southerly part of the town.

September 3, died, Moses Foster, aged forty-six years. Mr. Foster came from Ipswich, Mass., in 1787, and settled upon the farm now owned by his grandson, Dea. John E. Foster. While a resident of Massachusetts, he served in the Revolutionary war, in which he bore an honorable part.

1801.

March 1. Quite a smart shock of an earthquake was felt in this and neighboring towns. Within the present century at least a dozen shocks have been experienced in this town, all, without doubt, genuine earthquakes. While none of them, and in fact none within historic times in this locality, have been productive of damage to property or injury to life, still, we are reminded by their occasional occurrence that subterranean fires are burning.

During this year a highway was laid out and constructed from Shepard's bridge through the mill-yard towards Amherst. When Shepard built his mill nearly sixty years before, he laid out with bounds more or less definite, a mill-yard for the accommodation



of the logs which were from time to time drawn in to be manufactured into boards and other lumber. During these years the travel from the bridge to Amherst was obliged to pass north of the mill-yard, except as it crossed it at some seasons of the year by sufferance. The new road was laid out two rods wide, and many are now living who remember the appearance of the logs as they were piled very high upon the north side of the road through the mill-yard; in fact, it was a matter of some danger to pass through this narrow road in the spring when the snow and ice were melting. The selectmen licensed this year eight individuals to retail spirituous liquors, all good and prominent men; this was the number usually licensed by the town during its first half century.

## 1802.

Rev. Humphrey Moore ordained October 13. Although there were eight annual licenses to sell spirituous liquors in force the day before the ordination, there were issued on that day eight additional licenses to sell liquor, mixed or otherwise, for and during the term of three days, *i. e.*, the day before, the day of, and the day after the ordination. The holders of the special licenses were Robert Fuller, Jonathan Buxton, Daniel Howe, Joseph Bradbury, Joel Wright, Daniel Newton, Charles Tuttle, and Oliver Lund.

November 1, the town voted to add a belfry to the meeting-house, in which to hang the bell now in the tower of the town-house. It was the gift of Mr. Perkins Nichols of Boston.

October 31, died, Sarah, wife of Col. John Shepherd, aged seventy-nine years.

December 4, died, John Shepherd, Esq., son of the original settler of that name, and one of the most enterprising men of his time, aged seventy-one years. At the time the call was extended to Mr. Moore, a committee of fifteen was raised to fix the amount of his settlement, his annual salary, and his annuity when he might become unable to preach. As this was an important matter, and as this committee was probably made up of the most substantial men in town, we give the names of the committee in full: Moses Nowell, Augustus Blanchard, William Peabody, Solomon Hopkins, Jacob Flynn, Benjamin Hutchin-

son, Benjamin French, Joshua Burnham, Daniel Burns, John Wallace, Nehemiah Barker, Joshua Moore, Benjamin Lewis, Jacob Taylor, and Ebenezer Sargent.

1803.

Thirty persons united with the Congregational church. Prior to this year, no person had become a member on profession and few by letter, during the fifteen years the church had existed.

The Milford Canal Company was incorporated during this year, and some years later the Milford Turnpike Company, but neither corporation organized or proceeded to business.

April 5, Rev. Humphrey Moore was united in marriage with Hannah Peabody, third daughter of William Peabody, the son of the original settler, and remained a boarder in Mr. Peabody's family one year, teaching the village district school in addition to his parish work in the winter of 1803-'04. In April, 1804, he bought the farm of one hundred and four acres upon which he settled and lived the remainder of his life. In 1808 he purchased a second farm adjoining the first. Subsequently he made other purchases until he had, at one time, more than three hundred acres of improved land under his control. At the time he added the second farm to his possessions, ministerial property was not taxed, and some of his parishioners gave audible expression to their fears that he would extend his boundaries until all the land in town would become non-taxable.

1804.

Nathaniel Shattuck, born in Temple in 1774, a graduate of Dartmouth in 1801, admitted to the bar in 1804, opened a law office here the same year. Two years later he married Mary Wallace, daughter of Hon. James Wallace, removed to Amherst in 1812, and to Mason in 1830. Mr. Shattuck was the first lawyer practising his profession in Milford, and was in every way a creditable lawyer and citizen.

The price of corn at this time was one dollar per bushel; oats, fifty cents.

Isaac Lund, Abiel Holt, Timothy Danforth, William Peabody, and Capt. Moses Nowell were each taxed for a chaise.

If there were any in town at an earlier date, they escaped taxation.

At the time of the incorporation of the town there was a permanent pond of water covering several acres near the station of the Wilton railroad and to the southwest of the station. In a deed made this year of land in the neighborhood, occurs the following: "To a stub on the ditch leading from the old pond to the river." It is said that by some slight mechanical action, like the sinking of a bar, near the outlet of this old pond the outlet was enlarged and deepened so that the pond became a bog.

1805.

Caleb Jones died April 16, aged seventy-nine years. He was one of the early settlers locating upon the Mile slip soon after he became of age, and was one of the most eccentric persons ever residing in town. He planted and cultivated a cherry tree for the purpose of furnishing boards for his own coffin. After it had grown to sufficient size, he cut the tree and had it sawed into boards, from which the coffin in which he was buried, was made. He was succeeded on his farm by his son, Zadoc Jones, who in turn was succeeded by his son William, who now occupies the ancestral acres.

March 7, died, George Burns, aged seventy-two years, a son of the original settler, John Burns. He resided on the farm now owned by Samuel A. Lovejoy, on the Brookline road.

1806.

"The only total eclipse of the sun visible in New England in the nineteenth century occurred on June 16," between the hours of ten A. M. and one P. M. The whole duration of the eclipse was three hours and nine minutes, and the duration of the total eclipse, two minutes and twenty-seven seconds. The day was clear and hardly a breath of air stirred the leaves. At the time of the total eclipse, the planets, Mars, Venus, and Mercury, were visible, also Sirius, Procyon, and the larger stars in Orion and Ursa Major. The bees returned to their hives, the fowls to their roosts, and the cattle in their pasture ceased grazing and gazed around with a wild stare. The darkness was so great that objects could be seen only at a short distance. The ther-

mometer, which at the beginning of the eclipse stood at 66°, fell to 60°, and dew fell sufficient to wet one's shoes in passing through the grass.

Members of the Baptist denomination, residing in the northerly part of the town and elsewhere, join with school district No. 2 in building a school-house, to be used on Sundays as a place of worship.

February 20, died, Benjamin French, aged sixty-one years. Mr. French was a prominent citizen at the time of the incorporation of the town. He was a Revolutionary soldier from the town of Dracut, Mass., and soon after the close of the war came to this town. He was a large land-owner in the village. In 1793 he purchased land of William Crosby, including all the territory east of the square and north of Nashua street as far down as McLane's manufactory, excepting three fourths of an acre at the Morse, Kaley & Co. mill privilege, which four years before had been sold to Ebenezer Taylor, with the right to use one half of the water in the river. A little later he bought all the land north of Elm street west of the brook, and east and north of the old burying-ground. Upon the last-named tract, as early as 1798, he had established a tannery, in which the tanning business was carried on by himself, his son, and his grandson for many years.

September 30, died, Dea. Isaac Bartlett, aged forty-five years. He located here as early as 1790 upon the farm now owned by William W. Burnham, his great-grandson, upon the north side of the river. His wife was the daughter of the early settler, Abner Hutchinson. Deacon Bartlett was at one time an officer in the Baptist church at Mason, although a resident of this town. He was an active promoter of the establishment of a Baptist church in Milford, although he died before the organization was perfected.

1807.

Elizabeth Towne was bid off at the annual meeting (so the record runs), by Cyrus Lewis to maintain and support, except clothing and doctoring, at eighty cents a week, until the next annual meeting.

On the question of the revision of the state constitution at



the annual meeting, there were ninety-three votes against, and none in favor of, a revision.

The mail at this time was carried by Daniel Gibbs on horse-back; his route crossed the Merrimack river at Thornton's Ferry, passing through Amherst village, Milford, Wilton, and Peterborough. In 1816 Gibbs commenced to use a wagon upon his route, occasionally taking a passenger or an express package. Mr. Gibbs's death, the result of an accident, occurred at Peterborough in 1824. He was succeeded by his son, who used a two-horse wagon upon the route, and continued to serve the public for three or four years, or until a regular stage line was established from Boston to Keene through Nashua, Milford, and Wilton.

April 3, died, Edward Foster, aged sixty years. He came from Chelmsford, Mass., about the year 1773, and settled upon the farm now occupied by George E. Clarke. His wife who died March 10, 1823, was a sister of Gov. Benjamin Pierce of Hillsborough. He was succeeded on the farm by his son, Noah, who died at the age of forty-six years.

October 10, died, James Steele. While a resident of Massachusetts he served in the Revolutionary war. Three of his grandchildren now reside in town, Fanny, Nathan, and Calvin Merrill.

1808.

January 1, importation of slaves abolished. This was done by the general government as soon as it could be under the constitution. Although slavery existed at this time in many of the northern states, there was a feeling of relief on the part of almost everyone in states where the institution was not depended upon to furnish the laboring forces. It is hardly possible to-day to believe that up to this date vessels were fitted out in New England ports to make the voyage to Africa for the sole purpose of buying men, women, and children from African slave traders, who oftentimes to obtain their victims had committed murder, and that these same vessels as they returned with their human cargo were under the protection of the United States flag, and entered our ports, north and south, with nothing to indicate that officers and crew realized that they were engaged in a nefarious business.



1809.

Solomon K. Livermore, a native of Wilton and a graduate of Harvard college, became a citizen of Milford, opening a law office in the early part of the year, continuing in practice until precluded by the infirmities of age. [See sketch of his life elsewhere.]

Baptist church organized with twenty-nine members.

February 27, died, Augustus Blanchard, aged sixty-three years. Born in Dunstable, removed to Merrimack when about twenty-one years of age. Commanded a company in the Revolutionary war while a resident of Merrimack. After a residence of ten years in Merrimack, settled here about 1777, and became one of the most useful and prominent citizens of the town. His wife was Bridget Lovewell of Dunstable. They had a family of thirteen children. He was chairman of the first board of selectmen, the first town clerk, and the first man to represent the town after it ceased to be classed with another town, for the purpose of representation. The following obituary notice is engraved upon his tombstone: "Of noble mein, of mental energy, active and vigorous. As a husband and parent he was tender and affectionate; as a neighbor and friend, obliging and honorable; as a magistrate, just; as a citizen in various elective offices, faithful and zealous; as a companion, affable and courteous. With him dwelt hospitality and every social endearment. We mourn his sudden exit; no public prayer nor friendship's tear could shield him from the uplifted hand of death.—Let not the wise in wisdom glory, nor let the mighty glory in their might. No human power, nor excellence, can ever disarm humanity's last foe."

At the annual meeting there was an article in the warrant to see if the town would lay out a road from the gate near N. May's house across the interval, on the line by the easterly side of land of Daniel Hopkins's, across the river to a gate near Joshua Burnham's. This was an organized effort on the part of the customers of Joshua Burnham to have a legal, permanent thoroughfare to his store in the L of the old Jesse Hutchinson house, which at one time, and we presume at this time, had displayed the attractive sign, "Rum sold here." We can imagine all the occupants of that magnificent tract of land, called the

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Charlestown School Farm, in turn making powerful appeals to the town to give them this easy access to Colonel Burnham's store; but it was of no use, a majority of the legal voters declined to grant this favor, and the colonel's customers on the south side of the river were left to get to the store as best they could. It is certain that a cheap wooden bridge existed at an earlier date near the Hutchinson place, but no data can be found giving definite information as to its character or the time it stood.

This year was remarkable from the fact that there was no full moon in the month of February. The same occurred in the year 1866.

1810.

A company having obtained the right to use the water on the south side of the river at Shepard's mills, was incorporated as the Milford Cotton and Woollen Manufacturing Corporation.

January 19 was the memorable "cold Friday," a change of more than fifty degrees having taken place during the eighteen hours preceding the morning of that day. The intense cold was accompanied by violent winds.

July 4 the Republicans of this town and several adjoining towns met at Amherst to celebrate the day. Rev. Humphrey Moore was chaplain. Dr. Rogers Smith gave an appropriate address. Capt. Eli Brown presided at the dinner. He must have been a brave man, as in the stronghold of those opposed to him in sentiment, he gave the following toast: "Amherst, the focus of aristocracy in our county. May that aristocracy dissolve like the fog before the sun from the low ground that envelops it, and may Republicans flourish in it like the rays of the sun on this auspicious morn."

1811.

December 9, died, Lieut. Jacob Taylor, aged sixty-nine years. Hannah, his wife, died February 26, 1830, aged seventy-eight years.

The winter of 1811-'12 was noted in many portions of the state as the "spotted fever winter." Although the fever was mild in this town in comparison with that of many towns, in some of which it was the most fatal scourge ever experienced, still there were here several fatal cases. This winter was one

of great length and severity ; the number of severely cold days was unusually large. In several instances in the state, men at work in the woods were frozen to death. From the files of the *Farmer's Cabinet* we learn how general was the affliction and how large a percentage of the spotted fever cases proved fatal. It is not known that this disease has prevailed to any extent since this memorable winter. In some towns of moderate size as many as fifty deaths were reported.

1812.

June 18, war declared with England by an act of congress.

A national Fast day was appointed by the president and Parson Moore preached a sermon which was printed.<sup>1</sup>

October 23, died, Nathan Hall, aged forty-five. He came to town in 1805, and established himself as a farmer and blacksmith in the south part of the town upon what has recently been known as the Kidder place. He was succeeded by his son, Martin W., who carried on the business at the old shop until he removed to the village in 1832.

The Masonic lodge of this town, known as Benevolent Lodge, was incorporated by the legislature during this year, at Amherst. As Milford increased in population and Amherst decreased, it was thought best in course of time to remove the lodge to this town, where it has had for many years a prosperous existence.

1813.

First Baptist Society incorporated.

April 2, died, Col. Josiah Osgood, aged fifty-one years. Colonel Osgood was one of the most prominent men of the town's early history ; was the town's representative in the legislature for eight years, commencing with 1805 and ending the year of his decease. He was actively interested in military affairs, having been at one time colonel of the regiment of which the Milford companies were a part. At one time he was owner of the mill upon Osgood brook, the brook and the mill

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Moore was a Federalist and a decided one, and took advantage of this Fast day and another, recommended by the president near the close of the war, to express his anti-administration sentiments. The town minister in those days assumed and was conceded the largest liberty in the discussion of all subjects in the pulpit.

taking their name from him. As might be expected, he was chairman of the committee to keep order in town on the day of Parson Moore's ordination. His son, Josiah Osgood, Jr., succeeded him upon a part of his original farm, and died at the age of forty-five years. His son, William, lived in the same vicinity, and his grandson, Philip H., is now a resident in town.

1814.

James Wallace elected a member of the state senate, and re-elected 1815-'16.

The vote upon the question of a revision of the state constitution stood: in favor of a revision, four; against it, one hundred and twenty-one, at the annual town meeting.

December 24, treaty of peace was signed. The delight was universal; business of most kinds had been paralyzed during the continuance of hostilities, and all, without distinction of party, hailed with delight the return of peace. Several Milford men were enlisted as soldiers during the war, but none of them saw any serious service.

November 30, died, Jennie, wife of George Burns, aged seventy-seven years.

November 28, a smart shock of an earthquake was felt in this and adjoining towns in the early part of the evening.

1815.

One of the most violent tempests ever experienced here occurred on September 22. It commenced about 11:30 A. M., and continued with great fury about two hours. Trees and fences were blown down, buildings were unroofed, and their fragments, with limbs of trees, were strewn in all directions. Along the coast the storm was still more severe, and the damage done to the shipping was immense. Fortunately but few lives were lost.

February 7, treaty of peace with England was ratified. The president appointed a national Fast day near the close of the war, and Parson Moore preached a sermon which was printed. This discourse was of the same general character as the Fast-day sermons of the war, and reflected upon the administration. The majority of his parishioners agreed with the preacher, and



those who did not, made little trouble, conducting themselves as good parishioners were expected to in those days.

1816.

The Baptist meeting-house (the first one erected by that society) was built on the hill on the north side of the road leading to Mont Vernon.

Milford Musical Society incorporated.

This year was called for a long time "Poverty Year." It was a cold, frosty season, so the corn could not ripen and the farmers had little in the way of crops. It is said that there was snow every month in this year. All that prevented a famine was the fact that English grain produced a reasonably good crop. Snow to the depth of two inches fell the 11th of June. The following year was cold. The next spring all kinds of farm products commanded an exorbitant price.

Large accessions to the Congregational church.

The tombs belonging to private parties in the old burying-ground were built this year.

1817.

Large accessions to the Congregational church.

February 11, Baptist meeting-house dedicated, and much religious interest followed.

September 20, died, Samuel Burns, at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years, a grandson of the original settler, John Burns. His residence was upon the farm now owned by Henry J. Wilson. He was an unusually public-spirited man, and filled many positions of trust. He was elected one of the selectmen in 1807, and held the office ten years and until the day of his death.

October 5, an earthquake shock was experienced during the morning service in the meeting-house; it lasted at least a minute and was so severe as to interrupt the services.

1818.

February 11 was a remarkably cold day, the thermometer indicating 32° below zero.



July 15, in some respects, was a reminder of the dark day of 1780. A great smoke filled the atmosphere in this and neighboring towns. The smoke was produced by the burning of woodlands on the mountains, and a general burning of brush in all directions, a vast acreage of land at this time being in process of clearing for pasturage. A north-west wind prevailed through the day. In Boston the darkness is said to have been more intense than here.

Rev. Matthew Bolles installed pastor of the Baptist church.

November 23, died, Samuel Gutterson, a prominent citizen of the "Mile Slip" before the incorporation of the town, aged eighty-one years. He resided on the farm on the south-west part of the town, afterwards occupied by his son, Jacob, and still later by his grandson, Joel H. Gutterson, and was the first of the name to settle in Milford.

#### 1819.

The first cattle show and fair of the Hillsboro' County Society was held at Amherst, October 13. Milford farmers were important contributors to the exhibition. Rev. Humphrey Moore opened the public exercises with prayer.

This year will be ever memorable for the passage by the legislature at its June session, of what has been known from that day to this as the "Toleration act."

#### 1820.

The brick mansion house of Humphrey Moore built on Elm street. The brick house on the farms of John E. Foster, the late Joseph Tucker, the late Nathaniel Hutchinson, were all built before 1830, and the brick houses of Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, Jacob Howard, and George W. Came later.

July 28, died, Jonathan Buxton, at the age of sixty-three years, the first blacksmith and the first tavern-keeper in town.

November 7, died, Benjamin Hopkins, son of the original settler, aged ninety-two years. His wife died eight years before at the age of eighty-one years.

This was the year following the passage of the Toleration act, and the town books show many records like the following:

“ March 21. This may certify that I am of a different persuasion and shall not pay Rev. H. Moore after this date.

ISAAC MOORE.”

Sometimes the notices were very much to the point, as follows :

“ March 21. This may certify that I, the subscriber, being a member of Parson Moore’s church, have left that, and joined the 1st Baptist church in Milford.

NATHAN PUTNAM.”

As the law then stood, any party unwilling to be taxed for the support of the town minister could relieve himself from taxation by proving that he was not of the same denomination as the minister.

William Ramsdell, Sen., S. K. Livermore, and Abiel Lovejoy were chosen fire wardens, and the town made its first appropriation (\$75) towards defraying the expense of an engine.

1821.

John Wallace, Jr., elected a member of the state senate and re-elected in 1822, 1823, 1824, 1828, and 1829.

In the *Amherst Cabinet* of October 1, Phineas Stimson and Abner W. Marble give notice that they have formed a copartnership for the purpose of carrying on boot and shoe making in all its various branches, at their shop four rods east of A. Lovejoy’s store in Milford. Major Stimson, as he was familiarly known, at a later day had his shop upon the bank of the river, upon the spot now occupied by the savings-bank building. In addition to the business of making and repairing boots and shoes, he had charge of the hay scales ; he was a musician of considerable note.

The *Amherst Cabinet*, in its issue of November 10, had the following marriage notice : “ In Brookline, Nov<sup>r</sup> 7 (after living a lonesome widower two months) Mr. David Gilson, aged 60, to Miss Mary Lovejoy, of Milford, aged 30.”

From the twelfth day of November, 1820, to the seventeenth day of April, 1821, there were twenty-four snow storms in which eighty-three and one half inches of snow fell.

1822.

January 3, Daniel D. Farmer of Goffstown was executed at Amherst, for the murder of Widow Anna Ayer, of the same place. The execution was public, and the spectators numbered at least ten thousand. It is said that almost the entire adult population of this town witnessed the scene. This is the only execution occurring within the present limits of the county of Hillsborough, in its entire history. All executions are now had within the state prison walls at Concord, and the number of witnesses is limited. It may be said by way of apology for this large attendance, that Farmer's crime was of a most atrocious character. He not only was guilty of the murder of Mrs. Ayer, but of a murderous assault upon her daughter, leaving the latter, as he supposed, dead, and attempted to conceal this double crime by that of arson.

The *Farmer's Cabinet* of March 16, has the following announcement: "A Post Office has been established at Milford and Mr. Rodney H. Wallace appointed Post-master." Although the town had been incorporated twenty-eight years, up to this time Milford people had obtained their letters through the Amherst post-office.

In the *Amherst Cabinet* of May 25, appears the advertisement of Samuel Foster, occupying half a column, setting forth that he has hired the store formerly occupied by James Wallace, near the meeting-house, and has for sale everything needed by the people of the town. A long specification follows, indicating that he was a wide-awake trader.

This seems to have been a great year in the military history of Milford. May 7, at the annual training, the ladies of Milford presented an elegant stand of colors (painted by Benjamin B. Curtis of Boston) to the Milford Light Infantry Company, commanded by Capt. Jacob Hutchinson. It was presented by Miss Maria A. Moore to the captain in a patriotic address. Captain Hutchinson received the colors. The captain after responding in a model speech, delivered the standard to Ensign Adam Dickey with the following charge:

"Mr. Ensign, you are now to receive this invaluable gift, presented to this corps by the ladies of Milford, and we trust

we could not deposit it in safer hands. Your courage and fidelity we doubt not; but would remind you that you are under double obligation to preserve it inviolate and transmit it to your successor uncontaminated." The ensign, on receiving the standard, addressed the company, reminding them in most eloquent language of what the colors represented and their duty as soldiers to stand by the standard.

In less than a month after the Light Infantry presentation, Miss Caroline French, in behalf of the young ladies of Milford, presented a standard, painted by Miss Hannah Wade, to the Young Cadets, a military company then recently organized. Miss French, who was the accomplished daughter of the late Josiah French, and whose home was on the spot now occupied by the Centennial school-house, addressed the cadets as follows :

"Officers and soldiers of the juvenile company: We are sorry that the wickedness and usage of the world render it necessary to learn the military art. But since wars and fighting will come, we are pleased that you inherit the spirit of your fathers, and that you are willing to qualify yourselves to protect us, and defend the rights of our country. To encourage you to perfect yourselves in the use of arms, we give you this flag. By this we lay you under obligation to rise above the unmeaning sports of childhood, and to become soldiers. Learn the art of war not for the sake of taking away, but for the sake of defending and preserving, human life. We anticipate in you, officers of the highest grade. We have confidence that you will do honor to this standard, equal our expectations, and that your skill and valor will be to the defence of our land."

These presentations evidently stirred up the old company of infantry, then under command of that accomplished officer, Capt. Stephen Peabody, a grandson of the original settler, William Peabody. It is evident that the people were thoroughly aroused to do especial honor to the old company, which had an existence dating back of the incorporation of the town. The 4th of July was fixed upon as the day when the ladies of Milford, old and young, should have an opportunity to recognize the services of the old-time company. A standard, equal to that given the Light Infantry, a bugle, and a clarionette were procured for presentation. Captain Hartshorn of Amherst with his infantry company turned out, Capt. Jacob Hutchinson with



the Milford Light Infantry, and Lieutenant Burns with a part of the artillery company, and one field-piece formed in marching order, all under the command of Col. Ben Hutchinson, mounted, as became his rank. In addition to the several military companies, a large number of gentlemen without uniforms took up the line of march in column. The objective point was the residence of Capt. William Ramsdell. The presentation was made at his house by his daughter, Mary, afterwards Mrs. Daniel Russell. The response was by Capt. Stephen Peabody. He made a second address to Ens. Frederick Crosby in delivering to him the standard. The ensign received the colors and addressed the company. The speeches upon this occasion were more formal than upon either of the former presentations and worthy of reproduction here, would space permit. It is said that Captain Ramsdell, who had come from Salem, Mass., a few years before, a place noted for good living, supplied the company with such refreshments as the occasion called for. The column re-formed and returned to the common, where all the companies engaged in a sham fight, to the great amusement of the spectators.

August 24, died, William Peabody, son of the original settler of the same name, aged seventy-six years. His entire life was spent upon the old Peabody farm on the north side of the river. He represented the town which was then classed with Raby, or Brookline, in the legislature, the first year after its incorporation, and was in all respects a substantial citizen.

1823.

Dea. William Lovejoy committed suicide.

The highway between Milford and Amherst was straightened and very much improved by the building, during this year, of what was called "the new road."

September 24, the annual exhibition of the Hillsborough Agricultural Society was held in Amherst. Milford people were large contributors and received several first premiums. Ladies' straw bonnets were manufactured in the county at this time, and Miss Lucy Ann Fuller, a resident of this county, received a premium of one dollar for the best straw bonnet. Not far from this time leghorn bonnets were manufactured in Merrimack and



sold at high prices, by parties manufacturing them to a limited extent.

## 1824.

Stoves first used in the town meeting-house.

September 10, died, Capt. Joshua Mooar, aged seventy-three years. He was a resident of the Mile Slip; after the incorporation of the town, he was one of its most prominent citizens. He lived upon the farm in the south-westerly part of the town, upon which his grandson, the late Elbridge Hutchinson, lived and died.

During this year there was a proposition to remove the county seat and make Mont Vernon the shire town in place of Amherst. The vote here stood in favor of removal, sixty-two; against it, one hundred and twenty-one.

February 9, died, Moses Towne, aged eighty-four years, a resident of the town at the time of its incorporation. He lived upon a portion of the Charlestown school farm, near what is now known as Richardson's Crossing.

March 10, died, George Blanchard, aged eighty-four years. He lived upon the farm in the south-west part of the town, later occupied by Peter F. Shedd. He was a colored man and a veterinary surgeon. His son, Timothy, succeeded him upon the farm and in the business of a veterinary.

## 1825.

June 22, General Lafayette visited New Hampshire.

September 16, died, Sarah, wife of Capt. Josiah Crosby, at the age of ninety-four years. She was the wife of one of the first settlers.

John Wallace, Jr., elected to the governor's council, and re-elected in the years 1826 and 1827.

August 11, died, Mary, wife of John Shepherd, Esq., aged ninety-four years.

January 10, died, John Burns, aged ninety-two years, son of the original settler of the same name. He was about fourteen years old when his father established his home upon the original Burns farm and he spent all his active life upon the paternal acres.

1826.

The grass-hopper year. So plenty were these insects that every green thing in this vicinity was eaten. A rain storm of unusual violence occurred during the last week in August, which destroyed them in large numbers. The rainfall was so abundant, and its coming so rapid, that the roads were badly washed and many bridges were carried away. It was during this storm that the slide on the White mountains occurred, by which the Willey family was destroyed.

September 19, died, Aaron Peabody, aged seventy-nine years. He was a prominent citizen of the Mile Slip before the incorporation of the town. His wife was Susannah Hobbs, daughter of Dea. Humphrey Hobbs of French and Indian war fame.

April 26, died, Isaac Blanchard, aged sixty-two years. He married, August 6, 1786, Olive Hopkins, a granddaughter of the original settler, Benjamin Hopkins. They had a large family of children, many of whom removed from town. Mrs. Blanchard survived her husband thirty-eight years, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Howard, at a great age.

1827.

The first building raised in Milford without the use of some kind of spirituous liquors was a barn erected this year by Rev. Humphrey Moore. Several members of his church refused to aid in the enterprise. Three years later David Goodwin erected the first dwelling-house in Milford, the frame of which was raised without the aid of intoxicating liquors in any form.

A Sunday-school was organized in connection with the Congregational church.

May 19, died, Lucy, wife of Joshua Butters, aged ninety years.

Annual fair of the Hillsborough Agricultural Society was held in September.

February 11, died, Abigail, widow of William Peabody, and only daughter of Rev. Daniel Wilkins, first pastor of the church in Amherst, aged eighty-one years.

October 28, died, Jacob Flynn, aged seventy years. He resided in the north-west part of the town on the place more

recently owned by John Rand. In addition to the business of farming, he at different times in his life was engaged in business as a taverner and trader. He was also repeatedly elected to town offices and engaged in the settlement of estates.

1828.

At the annual fair of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society, premiums were awarded to Humphrey Moore of Milford, George Raymond and Thomas Cloutman of Mont Vernon, Matthias Spalding of Amherst, and Thomas Eaton of Frances-town, for performing the labor on their farms that year without the aid of distilled liquors.

June 11, died, Jonathan Lund, aged eighty-one years.

May 28, died, Benjamin Conant, aged seventy-five years, one of the original members of the Congregational church, and a resident of the town from its incorporation. His farm was upon the Nashua road including the present residence of Brooks R. Came.

February 17, died, John Burns, aged sixty-five years, grandson of the original settler.

At the annual town meeting there was bidding in the nature of an auction to ascertain the party who would assume the support of all the paupers in town for the smallest sum of money. The lowest bidder was Capt. Frederick Crosby, and for the sum of six hundred and eighty dollars he assumed the burden for one year.

July 7, a line of four-horse stage-coaches was established between Keene and Nashua, connecting at the latter point with another line to Boston. The team from Milford to Nashua was owned by Frederick Lovejoy; from Milford to West Wilton, by Joseph Holt, and from West Wilton to Peterborough, by John Holt and others. In a few years the whole line from Peterborough to Nashua was owned by Frederick Lovejoy and John Holt. After the Forrest road was built, the stages from that road connected with the Peterborough stages at East Wilton, or came down independently through Milford. Among the well-known drivers are remembered the names of John Holt, Benjamin P. Cheney, John Leach, B. G. Porter, Hiram T. Morrill, Henry K. French, Samuel I. Vose, and John Dane. For sev-

eral years before the Wilton railroad was built, a coach with two, and sometimes three, horses was run from New Ipswich to Manchester, passing through Milford every other day.

July 23, died, Hon. James Wallace, aged sixty-two years, son of William Wallace, the early settler. Mr. Wallace died at a comparatively early age, but not until he had held many public offices and had become a prominent business man. For many years he was the leading country trader in this vicinity, extensively engaged in the manufacture of potash, and at times well known as an inn-keeper.

1829.

April 11, died, Capt. Moses Nowell, at the age of ninety-two years. He commanded a Massachusetts company at the battle of Bunker Hill, and removed to Milford in 1800.

August 29, died, Joshua Butters, at the age of eighty-three years.

January 10, died, Jonathan Ball. Mr. Ball was a citizen of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary war, in which he was a soldier. He subsequently settled upon the farm occupied by his son, the late Briggs Ball, in the southerly part of the town. His son, Thomas, on reaching manhood, removed to Boston, where his son, the eminent sculptor, Thomas Ball, was born.

September 25, died, Royal Wallace, aged thirty-five years, a son of James Wallace and a grandson of the early settler, William Wallace. In connection with his father he was for several years in trade, and for some time after was alone in business. He survived his father but one year, but at the time of his death had established a reputation as a successful business man. His sons, Charles R. and William R., upon reaching their majority, became traders and were successful in the business which their father and grandfather had followed. During the larger portion of the history of the town, members of the Wallace family have been found among its merchants and traders, and, without exception, have left a creditable name to their posterity.

1830.

Prior to 1828, sheep had not been taxed in New Hampshire; that year a statute was passed making them the subject of tax-



ation. Although there must have been a large number in town, only eight sheep were taxed this year. In 1831 a tax was assessed upon 973 sheep, of which 60 belonged to F. and F. Crosby, and 61 to Rev. Humphrey Moore. In 1835 Stephen Peabody was taxed for a flock of 72. At an earlier date there was probably a much larger number of sheep in town than in 1831, but the number gradually diminished in the following years until now we find none, with the exception of an occasional cosset brought up with neat stock.

August 6, occurred a great summer freshet, the Souhegan overflowing its banks, in some places from road to road on both sides of the river. The same amount of water with ice would have carried away every bridge in town.

November 22, died, Timothy Hutchinson, at the age of seventy-two years. He was the ancestor of most of the families of that name living in the south part of the town. He located as early as 1782 upon the farm immediately south of the David Woolson farm.

February 5, died, Stearns Needham, aged seventy-six years. He was a citizen of the town from its incorporation and father of the late David P. Needham. He resided upon a farm half a mile south of the Ponemah House.

February 5, died, Mrs. Abigail Buxton, aged ninety-five years.

May 3, died, Mrs. Emma Southard, aged ninety-three years.

May 20, died, Mrs. Beulah Brown, aged eighty-five years.

December 6, died, Mrs. Grace Adams, aged eighty-seven years.

LIST OF TAXPAYERS IN 1830.

Harvey Abbott,  
Henry Abbott,  
Isaac Abbott.  
Stephen Abbott,  
Ezekiel Ames,  
William Ames,  
Aladin Averill,  
Calvin Averill,  
Ebenezer Averill,  
Ebenezer Averill, Jr.,

Elijah Averill, Jr.,  
Moses Averill,  
Elijah Averill,  
James J. Badger,  
Leonard Badger,  
Leonard Badger, Jr.,  
Samuel Bailey,  
Joel Barker,  
Joel Barker, Jr.,  
Benjamin Barker,



James Barker,  
John Barker,  
Briggs Ball,  
Jonathan Ball,  
Abner H. Bartlett,  
Elizabeth Bartlett,  
John Bartlett,  
Jonathan Bartlett,  
Anna Blanchard,  
Isaac Blanchard,  
James Blanchard,  
Luther Blanchard,  
Widow S. Blanchard,  
Simon Blanchard,  
Sumner Blanchard,  
Timothy Blanchard,  
Henry Blood,  
John Blunt,  
Daniel S. Bragg,  
Jacob Brown,  
Matthew Bolles, Jr.,  
Andrew Burnham,  
Joshua Burnham,  
Asa Burns,  
Daniel Burns,  
Daniel Burns, Jr.,  
Isaac Burns,  
John Burns,  
Joseph Burns,  
Moses Burns,  
Peter Burns,  
Peter Burns, Jr.,  
Ralph Burns,  
Benjamin Burt,  
Fanny Buxton,  
Jonathan Buxton,  
George W. Came,  
Nathan Chandler,  
Charles Clark,  
Joseph Clark,  
Peter Clark,  
Peter Clark, Jr.,  
Richard Clark,  
Rufus Clark,  
John G. Colburn,  
Joseph Colburn,  
Joseph Colburn, Jr.,

Peter Colburn,  
Timothy Colburn,  
Eugene Combs,  
Widow Conant,  
Philip Cram,  
F. & F. Crosby,  
Joseph Crosby,  
Josiah Crosby, 2d,  
Josiah Crosby, 3d,  
Rufus Crosby,  
Jonathan Cummings,  
Levi Cummings,  
George Danforth,  
George B. Darracott,  
William Darracott,  
Calvin Dascomb,  
Abel Davis,  
James Dickey,  
Abigail Dunbar,  
William P. Dunbar,  
David Duncklee,  
David Duncklee, Jr.,  
Daniel Duncklee,  
Ebenezer Duncklee,  
James Duncklee,  
Joseph Duncklee,  
Porter Duncklee,  
Joseph F. Eastman,  
Joseph Elliott,  
Samuel Everett,  
Factory Company,  
Enoch Farley,  
Samuel Farnsworth,  
James B. Farwell,  
Jonathan Farwell,  
David Felch,  
Mrs. A. W. Flinn,  
Loami Flinn,  
Jonathan Foster,  
Noah Foster,  
Moses Foster,  
Benjamin French,  
Josiah French,  
Lucretia French,  
Robert Fuller,  
Samuel Gilson,  
Benjamin Gooden.

Daniel Gooden,  
 David Gooden,  
 David Gooden, Jr.,  
 Ezekiel Gooden,  
 Jeremiah Gooden,  
 David Gray,  
 Joseph Gray,  
 Asahel Green,  
 Edmund Green,  
 Mrs. Rebecca Green,  
 Abial Gutterson,  
 Amos Gutterson,  
 Jacob Gutterson,  
 John Gutterson,  
 Josiah Gutterson,  
 Samuel Gutterson,  
 Simeon Gutterson,  
 William Hay,  
 Benjamin Hay,  
 Martin W. Hall,  
 Israel Herrick,  
 Joseph Herrick,  
 Edward Hartshorn,  
 Daniel Hartshorn,  
 James Hartshorn,  
 Nehemiah Hayward,  
 George M. Hayward,  
 Mrs. M. Henry,  
 Joel Howe,  
 Isaac Howe,  
 Moses Howe,  
 Beniah Howe,  
 Samuel Hood,  
 Jeremiah Hood,  
 Jacob Howard,  
 Artemus Howard,  
 Samuel Howard,  
 Jonathan Howard,  
 Holland Hopkins,  
 John Hopkins,  
 Abial Holt,  
 Abial Holt, Jr.,  
 Abel Hutchinson,  
 Elisha Hutchinson,  
 Noah Hutchinson,  
 Benjamin Hutchinson,  
 Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr.,

Jacob Hutchinson,  
 Luther Hutchinson,  
 Royal Hutchinson,  
 Andrew Hutchinson,  
 Jesse Hutchinson,  
 Freeman Hutchinson,  
 Franklin Hutchinson,  
 Henry Hutchinson,  
 John B. Hutchinson,  
 Elliott Hutchinson,  
 Eugene Hutchinson,  
 Augustus Hutchinson,  
 Freeman Hutchinson, Jr.,  
 Ira Hutchinson,  
 Albert Hutchinson,  
 Solomon Hutchinson,  
 Robert Hutchinson,  
 David Hutchinson,  
 Nathaniel Hutchinson,  
 Alfred Hutchinson,  
 Reuben Hutchinson,  
 Stephen Jennett,  
 Daniel Johnson,  
 Daniel Johnson, Jr.,  
 James Johnson,  
 Thomas J. Johnson,  
 Luther Jones,  
 Rebecca Jones,  
 Warren Keyes,  
 Robert Knight,  
 Henry Lovejoy,  
 Abial Lovejoy,  
 William Lovejoy,  
 Samuel Lovejoy, 3d,  
 Samuel Lovejoy, Jr.,  
 Frederick Lovejoy,  
 Isaac Lovejoy,  
 Stephen Lovejoy,  
 Jonathan Lund,  
 Isaac Lund,  
 Isaac C. Lund,  
 S. K. Livermore,  
 John Mace,  
 Naphtali May,  
 Daniel May,  
 Robert Means,  
 Joseph Melendy,

Stephen C. Marshall,  
Abram Melzer,  
Nathan Merrill,  
Asa Merrill,  
Deborah Moar,  
Joshua Moar,  
Timothy Moar,  
Isaac Moore,  
Dean Moore,  
Humphrey Moore,  
Jeremiah K. Needham,  
David P. Needham,  
Rachel Osgood,  
Josiah Osgood,  
William Osgood,  
John Ober,  
William Peacock,  
William Peacock, Jr.,  
Daniel Peacock,  
Robert Peacock,  
Benjamin Parker,  
Loami Parker,  
Dimon Pearson,  
Ebenezer Peason,  
Ebenezer Pearson, Jr.,  
Stephen Peabody,  
Samuel Peabody,  
Joel Peabody,  
Clarrisa Peabody,  
Humphrey Peabody,  
Joseph Phelps,  
Nathan Putnam,  
Charles Ramsdell,  
William Ramsdell,  
William Ramsdell, Jr.,  
Joshua Rideout,  
Stephen Robbins, Jr.,  
Ladock Rogers,  
Ross, Parker & Co.,  
Ebenezer Sargent,  
John Sargent,  
William Scoby,  
Stephen Searles,  
David Secombe,  
Jesse Shattuck,  
Moses Shattuck,  
Benjamin Shattuck,

James Shepard,  
John Shepard,  
Samuel Shepard,  
William Shaw,  
George H. Shaw,  
Benjamin Shedd,  
Benjamin Shedd, Jr.,  
Matthias Spalding,  
Abel Spalding, Jr.,  
Abel Spalding, 3d,  
Susan Spalding,  
Zeb. Spalding,  
Phineas Stimpson,  
Ezekiel Smith,  
Abbott Smith,  
Daniel Smith,  
George Smith,  
John Smith,  
Sylvanus Smith,  
William Smith,  
Luther Taylor,  
Thomas Taylor,  
William Taylor,  
David Towne,  
Jonathan Towne, Jr.,  
Moses Towne,  
Tyler Towne,  
William Towne,  
Joseph Tucker,  
Hannah Tuttle,  
Crawford Tyler,  
Putnam Tyler,  
Caleb Turner,  
Samuel Wadsworth,  
Betsey Wallace,  
Mrs. Hannah Wallace,  
Jane Wallace,  
John Wallace,  
John Wallace, Jr.,  
Joseph Wallace,  
Joseph Wallace, Jr.,  
Luther Wallace,  
Mrs. Sophia Wallace,  
William Wallace,  
Jonathan S. Wheeler,  
Pliny Whitney,  
Abram Whittemore,

David Willowby, Jr.,  
B. S. Willowby,  
William D. Willowby,  
Thomas Williams,  
David Woolson,

David Woolson, Jr.,  
Benjamin Wright,  
Benjamin Wright, Jr.,  
Oliver Wright,  
Ebenezer Weston.

1831.

A criminal trial was held at the court in Amherst in the month of February, in which William Johnson of Goffstown was convicted of manslaughter in killing Loami Parker in Milford and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the state prison. Mr. Parker lived in the south-west part of the town and had been accustomed with his ox-team to pass over land of a Mrs. Dickey. On the day of his death he was attempting to pass with his team on his return from Wilton. By pursuing this course the distance to his house was nearly two miles less than by the public highway, which passed through the county bridge. He was met by Mrs. Dickey at her barn-yard bars, and received a violent blow from a milking-stool in her hands, by which his jaw was broken. Parker retreated and in attempting to pass over the Dickey premises in another place, was met by Johnson, the son-in-law of Mrs. Dickey, and received from him a fatal blow with a chestnut club some four feet long. From the circumstances surrounding the case, as they have come down by tradition, it would seem that Johnson's punishment was hardly commensurate with his crime. Mr. Parker left a family of several children, two of whom now reside in Nashua, Mrs. Robert Emerson, and a sister, the widow of William Wetherbee.

William Crosby, the donor of the public square and the old burying-ground, died suddenly, May 12, at the age of seventy-three years.

A religious revival of very great power was experienced during this year, and very large accessions to the churches resulted.

The Milford lyceum, which proved to be a great educating force in town, was organized November 7.

The *Farmer's Cabinet* of December 17, under the heading of "Extraordinary Dispatch," had the following :

"The President's message was conveyed from the steam-boat wharf at Providence to Boston, a distance of forty-two miles,

in one hour and fifty-two minutes. This rapidity of conveyance is without a parallel in this country, and we are not aware of its being equalled elsewhere."

From a private diary, apparently carefully kept, it appears that there was a total of twenty-six deaths in town this year. Consumption was given as the cause of death in twelve instances. If this is correct, it would seem that this dread disease was more prevalent sixty years ago than at the present time.

The town purchased during this year of Isaac Lund the poor-farm, which it occupied for that purpose until 1868, when it was sold, since which time the town has had no pauper farm.

October 2, died, Simon Blanchard, at the age of eighty-two years, a Revolutionary soldier and a prominent citizen of the Mile Slip, upon the north side of the river, before the incorporation of the town.

December 23, died, Nathan Hutchinson, a son of the original settler and a Revolutionary soldier, aged seventy-nine years.

Stephen Peabody elected member of the governor's council; re-elected in 1832-'33.

April 16, died, David Williams, aged eighty-five years, a Revolutionary soldier, formerly a resident of another state.

Elizabeth, wife of the above, died December 3, 1853, aged eighty-one years.

September 1, died, Isaac Abbott, aged sixty-five years. His father, Isaac Abbott, was one of the original members of the south-west parish, and resided upon the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Frank Isaac Abbott, the estate having remained in the family name considerably more than one hundred years.

#### 1832.

September 11 the regimental muster was held in town. There is upon the files of the town a plan made by John W. Smith, at that time a citizen of Milford, to be used in opposing a project to divert the travel from Wilton and above, from the towns of Milford and Nashua, as this travel passed on its way to Boston. The proposition was to have a road built from a point near Jones's Corner, in the west part of the town, passing through



the south part of the town, 1626 rods, and through a corner of Brookline to Hollis village; thence to Dunstable, Mass.; thence to Chelmsford, Mass., and there connecting with the old road from Milford to Boston. This proposition was pressed, as one demanded in the interest of through travel and under the claim that the distance from all points west of Milford to Boston would be lessened two miles or more, and, of course, vigorously opposed by Milford and Nashua people.

Smith not only made a plan of the new route, but also one of the old road to Boston, with suggestions as to changes which might be made in the old road. The scheme was defeated, and it may be remarked that some of Smith's suggestions were accepted and changes in the old road made.

Martin W. Hall, who before that time had lived and carried on his trade in the south part of the town, moved into the village and built a blacksmith shop of wood, upon the site of the present stone building.

August 28, died, Elizabeth, wife of George Blanchard, aged eighty-two years.

September 12, died, Lieut. Benjamin Hutchinson, aged seventy-eight years, a Revolutionary soldier and one of the original members of the Congregational church.

May 1, died, David Duncklee, aged sixty-five years. His residence was upon the hill called after him, Duncklee hill, but now generally called Federal hill. His sons, Porter and Joel W., succeeded him, occupying the ancestral farm for many years.

1833.

On the morning of the 13th of November occurred the grandest meteoric display ever witnessed in this country. Thousands of meteors were flying in all directions, and the show continued until they were obscured by the light of the sun. The *New Hampshire Patriot* of the following week said:

"At half past five in the morning the heavens presented one of the most extraordinary, sublime, and beautiful prospects ever beheld by man. Imagination can picture nothing to exceed it. The meteors were seen flying in every possible direction through a clear, unclouded sky, leaving long, luminous trains behind. In

any direction the scene could be compared to nothing more aptly than a distant shower of fire, whose particles were falling sparsely to the earth. Frequently one larger and more luminous than the rest would shoot across the heavens, producing a flash like vivid lightning. Toward the approach of daylight the sky began to be obscured with clouds and the meteors appeared less frequently, but they were seen as long as the stars were visible."

June 28, Andrew Jackson visited the state. Large numbers of our people met him at Nashua, where he made a short address. He was received at Concord by the state authorities. The militia doing escort duty was commanded by Stephen Peabody of Milford.

August 29, died, Benjamin Wright, aged eighty-three years, a resident of the town from its incorporation.

September 17, died, Mrs. Mary Abbott, aged ninety-seven years.

1834.

May 22 and 23, Congregational meeting-house raised.

October 1, meeting-house dedicated.

Unitarians obtain an act of incorporation as a religious society.

September 9, died, Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby, aged eighty-four years, wife of Josiah Crosby.

October 3, died, Mrs. Mary Buxton, aged eighty-four years.

December 23, died, Mrs. Lydia Crosby, aged ninety-three years.

January 22, died, Samuel Gutterson, the second of that name, aged sixty-nine years. His residence was upon the farm afterwards owned by Royal Hutchinson in the south part of the town.

February 17, died, Abial Holt, aged sixty-four years. He came from Andover, Mass., about the time of the incorporation of the town, and was a carpenter by trade. He was the father of Daniel Holt, who died March 3, 1849, at the age of fifty years, and of Abial Holt, who died January 22, 1858, at the age of sixty-four years.

1835.

John W. Smith, one of the most brilliant men ever living in Milford, met his death by a fall, while as a late volunteer he was assisting in raising the south half of Hotel Howison, as it now stands. He was a graduate of West Point, and a sketch of his romantic life appears elsewhere.

January 31. Great freshet. County bridge swept away, and the dam in the village badly injured. County bridge was rebuilt during the summer.

October 8, an anti-slavery meeting was held at the school-house on Federal hill, one of the first distinctively anti-slavery meetings held in town.

Milford academy was incorporated June 24. The proprietors purchased a lot of land south of the Congregational church lot and erected a convenient building. For a time the academy flourished, having a good number of students, many of whom came from other towns; but having no permanent fund, its life was short and its school building was, after a few years, converted into a dwelling-house.

The same year The Female Seminary was incorporated. It had a building on the site of the present Congregational church chapel. The seminary for several years had the patronage not only of the young ladies of the town, but received many students from abroad. It was a positive educational force and counting a select school for both sexes which succeeded it in the same building, had a creditable existence for a score of years.

January 7, died, Col. Joshua Burnham, aged eighty-three years, a Revolutionary soldier and afterwards prominent in the state militia.

December 26, died, Mrs. Lucy Blanchard, aged eighty-eight years.

March 15, died, Richard Clark, aged seventy-two. He settled upon the farm in the south-eastern part of the town, now owned by Alonzo R. Clark, as early as 1786. He was succeeded on this farm by his son, Rufus Clark.

July 23, died, Dea. John Wallace, aged seventy-eight years, a son of the early settler, William Wallace. His residence was

upon the old Mt. Vernon road, afterwards for many years owned by David Hutchinson. Among his children were: Dr. John Wallace; Andrew Wallace, for some time clerk of the Hillsborough county courts; Dea. William Wallace, for many years a trader in Milford and afterwards a resident of Hartford, Conn. Dea. John Wallace was for many years an officer in the Congregational church, and Dea. William, in the Baptist church.

1836.

Humphrey Moore's pastorate ended.

September 11, Baptist meeting-house moved from the hill to the spot where it now stands. It is now known as the Methodist meeting-house.

April 18, died, Mrs. Mary Towne, aged eighty-eight years.

May 4, died, Silas Howard, aged ninety-two years.

September 11, died, Jacob Adams, aged ninety-six years, a resident of the town from its incorporation. His residence was in the Mile Slip, and he was a Revolutionary soldier.

November 30, died, Daniel Smith, aged ninety-one years. He came from Haverhill, Mass, as early as 1770, and located in the south-westerly part of the town, near the Benjamin Shedd place. His son, Ezekiel, for a time lived upon the paternal farm, and was succeeded by his son, Daniel, who occupied the homestead for a time, but before his death became the owner of the Benjamin Shedd farm, upon which one of his daughters now resides.

June 27, died, Capt. John Bradford, in the ninety-third year of his age. A native of what is now the territory of Milford, he resided here more than half of his long life. He commanded a company in Nichols's regiment under General Stark at Bennington. At this battle and others of the Revolutionary war, he won the highest praise from his superior officers. At the time of his decease he was a resident of Hancock, and was survived by seven children, forty-seven grandchildren, and forty-three great-grandchildren.

1837.

Very hard times. But little business being done, prices of necessities of life high, and large numbers of people out of



employment; bills of many state banks were at a discount; the season was cold, backward, and dry. The only crop that yielded a full return was the hop crop, Stephen Peabody, upon the old Peabody farm, raising 11,560 pounds from five thousand hills.

December 24, the Congregational meeting-house took fire; damage, small. The tannery now operated by A. J. Foster & Co., or the portion first built, was erected this year by Humphrey Moore, and business carried on by his son, Euclid Moore, his son-in-law, John Ramsdell, and Charles Ramsdell, a brother of John.

July 14, died, Ebenezer Averill, son of the original settler of same name, aged eighty-five years, a resident of the town from its incorporation. The Averill homestead is now occupied by Edward B. Hall.

July 17, died, Mrs. Persis Winchester, aged eighty-two years.

July 19, died, Mrs. Lydia Burpee, aged eighty-three years.

December 27, died, Leonard Badger, son of the early settler, James Badger, and residing on the Badger homestead in the south part of the town, aged sixty-two years. He was the father of Leonard and James J. Badger, prosperous farmers, residing upon the farm which their grandfather subdued.

August 4, died, Dr. John Wallace, aged fifty-six years. Dr. Wallace not only enjoyed the confidence of the public as a physician, but was elected to almost all public offices that were in the gift of the people. He was a member of the state senate and also of the governor's council. His son, James Wallace, now resides in Chicago.

During this year George Daniels, Humphrey Moore, Ezra Gay, and James Searles purchased the water power and mill, now occupied by Morse, Kaley & Co., made thorough repairs, and introduced new machinery for the manufacture of cotton fabrics of various kinds.

#### 1838.

June 14, died, Capt. Josiah Crosby, son of the original settler of that name, and a Revolutionary soldier, at the age of eighty-seven years.

November 8, died, Ebenezer Sargent, aged eighty-three years, a resident of the town from its incorporation.



December 12, died, Mrs. Abigail Ober, aged ninety-three years.

August 3, died, Andrew Burnham, aged seventy-six years. Mr. Burnham was a resident of the town at the time of its incorporation, and during the remainder of his life was an active and influential citizen. He built, and for a long time owned, the house in the south part of the town now occupied by Chester Fitch.

December 29, died, Joseph Wallace, aged eighty-five years, a Revolutionary soldier, an original member of the Congregational church, and a tax-payer in town at its incorporation. His residence was on the farm immediately east of the J. Fitch Crosby homestead, about one half mile east of the farm upon which his father, William Wallace, settled. His son, Joseph Wallace, Jr., died at the age of fifty years, surviving his father but four days.

September 18, total eclipse of the sun.

#### 1839.

This was the era of the great Rohan potato. Special pains were taken in its cultivation and specimens of remarkable size were produced, but it was soon found that with equally good care in cultivation other varieties were quite as productive and of far better quality.

July 13, blacksmith shop of Capt. Martin W. Hall burned. Grave-yard on Union street laid out and lots sold at auction.

January 26, occurred one of the greatest freshets ever known in this section ; large amount of damage done.

February 10, Rev. Abner B. Warner installed pastor of the Congregational church.

January 6, died, Phebe, wife of David Duncklee, aged eighty-nine years.

September 4, died, Jonathan Jones, aged eighty-one years, a resident of the town from its incorporation.

September 15, died, Mrs. Anna Averill, aged eighty-four years.

A lynx weighing twenty-two pounds was killed near the division line between Milford and Amherst in the autumn of this year.

1840.

September 18, regimental muster in town.

One of the most exciting political campaigns ever experienced took place this year, the Whigs making desperate efforts to carry the state for their candidate for president, Gen. William Henry Harrison, who received two hundred and twenty-five votes out of a total of three hundred and twenty-five cast in town. The excitement of the canvass increased as it progressed. At a mass meeting in Concord there were present in the procession more than a thousand men on horseback. For this procession Milford furnished a whole company.

July 13, died, Jeremiah Goodwin, aged forty-six years. He was a son of the early settler, David Goodwin, and a brother of the town historian, David Goodwin. He was interested in historical matters, and one of the founders of the Milford Lyceum.

1841.

Public library founded by an appropriation of one hundred dollars by District No. 1; seventy-five dollars additional appropriation made the next year. This library continued to exist until 1860.

June 30, the great hail-storm occurred; stones as large as hen's eggs fell; much window glass was broken, and several lambs and calves were killed in town.

Humphrey Moore elected a member of the state senate.

January 28, died, James Badger, at the age of ninety-six years, a prominent resident of the Mile Slip before the incorporation of the town.

October 8, died, Mary Gilman, aged eighty-one years.

September 23, died, Bartholemew Hutchinson, aged eighty-two, son of the original settler, Nathan, and a Revolutionary soldier.

November 26, died, Samuel Lovejoy, at the age of eighty-four years, a resident of the town from its incorporation, and residing on the farm afterwards owned by his grandson, John Lovejoy. His wife died three years later at the age of eighty-eight years.

The town purchased a second fire engine, a part of the expense being defrayed by subscription.

January 16, died, Moses Burns, aged seventy-two years, a grandson of the first settler, John Burns. He resided upon the farm in the southerly part of the town, lately owned by Jason T. Burns.

July 31, died, Catherine Blanchard, wife of Simon Blanchard, aged eighty-four years.

December 13, died, John Gutterson, aged seventy-five years. His residence was in the south-west part of the town.

### 1842.

About one hundred and fifty acres of the territory of Amherst, including the subsequent location of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company's plant, annexed to Milford.

October 6, died, Dr. Richard Williams, a most highly esteemed physician, at the early age of forty years.

Thanksgiving day was observed at an unusual time, December 22.

The retail price of some farm products was as follows: Hay, seven to ten dollars per ton; butter, sixteen to eighteen cents per pound; potatoes, twenty cents per bushel; winter apples, one dollar per barrel.

The winter of 1842-'43 was unusually long and severe; sleighs were used until the latter part of April; on the 17th of the month the snow was three feet deep in the fields, but the spring was not noticeably late.

November 5, died, Elizabeth Taylor, aged eighty-eight years.

February 28, died, Adam Dickey, aged sixty-one years. Mr. Dickey was the first agent of the Milford Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing Company, and was an active and influential business man.

October 9, died, Isaac Lund, aged sixty-seven years. At the time of his decease he was a resident of Cambridgeport, Mass., but a large portion of his active life was spent in Milford, where he was a substantial citizen, holding positions of civil trust, and for several years the office of deacon in the Congregational church. His widow was the second wife of Dr. Robert Fuller.

March 7, died, Joseph Knowlton, aged seventy-five years. He was a shoe-maker by trade, occupying the shop afterwards

used by his son, Samuel D. Knowlton. in the same business. The shop was located opposite the Catholic church edifice, but several years ago gave way to a dwelling-house.

March 12, died, Nathan Putnam, aged sixty-nine years. He came from Danvers, Mass., in 1797, at the age of twenty-four years. He settled on the Putnam farm on the Wilton road, adjoining the farm of Humphrey Moore. In addition to the cultivation of his land, he worked at his trade as a carpenter and house-builder. He was one of the substantial men of the first half of the century and for many years a deacon in the Congregational church. He subsequently changed his church connection and became an active, influential member of the Baptist church.

December 29, died, Mary Burns Flint, daughter of Thomas Burns and Elizabeth Huntress Burns, aged sixty-five years. She married Peter Flint. As soon as it became apparent that he was paying unusual attention to Mary, her mother, wishing to ascertain something about his education, produced the almanac and asked young Flint, as a particular favor to her, to read what it said about the sun's rising and setting, what date the new moon would appear, etc. The young man, wishing to please the woman whom he hoped sometime to call his mother-in-law, did his best, reading with distinctness and the proper emphasis, what she desired to hear. Her thanks were so hearty that he, taking advantage of the good impression he had made, at once asked the parents for their daughter in marriage.

Soon after the wedding day he happened to hear his mother-in-law reading aloud, and was greatly surprised and said to her, "I thought you could n't read."

"What made you think so?" said the mother-in-law.

He reminded her of the almanac incident; she replied, "You rogue, I asked you to read simply to see if you could." Surely our mothers were not wanting in expedients.

January 12, died, Capt. William Ramsdell, aged seventy-six years, a native of Lynn, but for many years previous to his settlement in Milford, a resident of Salem, Mass. Commencing as a cabin-boy at the age of ten years, he followed the seas for nearly forty years, and until he came to Milford to live in 1815. Captain Ramsdell, during the greater part of his experience on



the ocean, was in command of East India merchant vessels, and had an unusually wide experience as a sailor. Coming to Milford at the age of fifty years, he took no active part in political life, or business outside his farming interests, but was widely known as a generous citizen, beloved by every one who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His widow survived him many years, remaining upon the homestead farm until the time of her decease at the age of ninety-three years.

## 1843.

January 4 and 5, mass meeting of Abolitionists in the old town-house.

This was the year the followers of William Miller, called "Millerites," had set for the end of the world. There was a score of this sect in town, who anxiously waited until the closing days of the year for the final scenes in this world's history.

January 27, died, Caleb Brown, aged eighty-five years, a Revolutionary soldier.

## 1844.

Very cold winter ; thermometer indicated, February 1, —34°. Boston harbor was frozen over ; a channel one hundred feet wide and seven miles long was cut. This was done by subscription to enable the steamship *Brittianna* to go to sea and to open the harbor for other vessels.

The proprietors who re-organized the cotton-mill in 1837, during this year built a new saw-mill on the north side of the river.

The sense of the voters was taken this year on the question of capital punishment. One hundred and seven voted in favor of its abolition, thirty voted against it.

This year was terminated one of the serious contentions that have stirred the town. The controversy related to the land on which now stands the stone blacksmith shop, near the old burying-ground.

When William Crosby in 1788 gave to the parish the land for the cemetery, he owned the land on both sides of the road to Wilton, and by his deed it was not clear that this gift included all the land on the north between the highway and the ground



actually used as a burial place. When Crosby parted with his title to the land adjoining (1796), he bounded the estate conveyed on the north by the burying-ground and excepted the highway. A subsequent grantee (Morrison) sold same property in 1806, bounding on the north by the highway from Milford to Wilton, and in this manner the record stood for nearly forty years, the town occupying the land on the north of the highway and leasing a portion of it in 1832 to Martin W. Hall, upon which to locate a blacksmith shop. After paying rent for ten years, it came to light that Morrison had never conveyed anything north of the highway, and that in case Crosby's gift did not come out to the highway, and in case the town had not a right by prescription, Morrison's heirs had the legal title.

A lawsuit was entered in court and a trial was about to come on. Hall sought and obtained Morrison's title, and the matter was carried into town-meeting. After much discussion it was voted to deed to Hall from the river to within twenty feet of the wall as it now stands, on condition that the town receive a quit-claim from Hall of the remaining land in dispute. People, generally, took sides, and whether the village blacksmith prevailed as a strict matter of right, or because the people wanted to keep a good blacksmith, will never be known.

December 22, died, David Secomb, aged fifty-seven years, a native of Amherst, but for twenty years a resident here, where he held important positions of private and official trust; was a member of the board of selectmen many years. His residence was upon the Nashua road nearly opposite the Jonathan Towne place.

At the annual town-meeting nineteen ballots for a representative to the legislature were taken without a choice, after which the town voted to make no further effort to elect.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, twenty-one.

1845.

Very hot and dry summer. Stone bridge across the Souhegan in the village built.

Humphrey Moore was a candidate for congress on the Free-soil ticket. The state was entitled to four members. His associates were Reuben Porter, Joseph Cilley, and Jared Perkins. This ticket received a little less than five thousand votes.

April 1, died, Jonathan Farwell, aged seventy-seven years. He resided, during the larger part of his life, upon that portion of the Charlestown School-farm which Benjamin Hopkins settled, and upon which he built his bullet-proof cabin about 1745. The farm was for many years the estate of the late Luke Smith. Mr. Farwell was familiarly known as "Uncle Jock."

October 2, died, Daniel Goodwin, aged seventy-nine years. His wife survived him fifteen years, dying August 15, 1860, aged ninety years. He was in town at the time of its incorporation. January 29, died, David Goodwin, aged 76 years. He came to town the year after its incorporation. Daniel and David Goodwin both lived on Federal hill, north of the residence of John E. Foster.

December 18, died, Sarah, wife of William Crosby, and granddaughter of Col. John Shepard, aged seventy-eight years.

September 16, died, Jonathan Buxton, aged fifty-nine years. Mr. Buxton was a model inn-keeper, succeeding his father (Jonathan), who died in 1820.

Total deaths in town, twenty-seven.

#### 1846.

The stone bridge built the year before proved defective, and it was rebuilt this season at a cost, from the beginning, of about five thousand dollars. Putnam & Chase built the stone dam which afterwards became the property of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company. The old town-meeting house was moved about four rods in a north-easterly direction from its original location; turned half round, so that the end of the building, which originally faced the west, was made to face the south. The interior was re-arranged, so that there were two stories instead of one, the lower story being used for stores and the second story for a town-house. The whole building was raised sufficiently to admit of a basement for the accommodation of the fire engine.

To perfect the title in the town, the pews in the old meeting-house were appraised by a committee of non-residents as follows: Six pews upon the broad aisle, two dollars each; the wall pews, one dollar each; pews in the gallery, fifty cents each; all others, one dollar each.

September 25, the Baptist meeting-house, having been thoroughly repaired, was re-dedicated.

February 12, Thomas T. Farnsworth, from Groton, Mass., purchased the old Buxton Tavern stand of the heirs of Jonathan Buxton. Mr. Farnsworth occupied these premises, keeping a strictly temperance house for about twelve years. Mr. Farnsworth afterwards removed to the old Peabody farm upon the north side of the river, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Farnsworth's citizenship was of the highest order. He died October 7, 1871, at the age of seventy-nine years.

November 29, died, Mrs. Lydia Gutterson, widow of Samuel Gutterson, at the age of eighty-eight years.

August 29, died, Isaac Moore, aged seventy-four years. He lived on the farm afterwards occupied by his son, the late Dean Moore.

February 4, died, Elizabeth, widow of Dea. Isaac Bartlett, aged eighty years. She survived her husband forty years.

At the annual meeting the temperance question was a prominent subject of discussion. Separate resolutions were introduced by Rev. Humphrey Moore, Rev. A. B. Warner, Maj. George Daniels, and Solomon K. Livermore, all of which received the unanimous support of the meeting. The passage of these resolutions was followed by a vote of the town to license no one to sell spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes.

March 13, died, Nathan Merrill, aged eighty-three years, a resident here before the incorporation of the town. He resided on the farm now occupied by his grandson, Nathan Merrill. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war while a resident of Massachusetts.

November 17, died, Jacob Gutterson, aged sixty-nine years. Lydia, his wife, died May 15, 1852, aged seventy-three years. They resided in the south-western part of the town on the Mason road, near the Wilton line.

March 1, died Simeon Gutterson, aged seventy-six years. He resided near the Osgood mill.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, forty-six.

1847.

March 1, Lawrence D. Bailey, a native of Sutton, N. H., located here as a law partner with Mr. Livermore, remaining in town less than three years. He afterwards resided in California and Kansas, taking an active and influential part in the political history of the latter state.

First newspaper published in town came into existence this year. It was called the *Milford Weekly Mirror*. W. Bradford was the publisher. It was soon discontinued.

January 12, Uriah Tufts, an unmarried man, in a fit of despondency, brought on by ill-health and other causes, committed suicide.

January 22, the house of Dr. Stickney, on the corner opposite the new town house, took fire. By the extraordinary efforts of the firemen, the house was saved from total destruction.

March 10, the annual town-meeting was held in the old town house, which had been moved, but only partially finished.

April 25, the farm buildings of Capt. Leonard Brooks, on the Nashua road, were totally consumed by fire.

The potato rot appeared, seriously affecting the crop.

The Souhegan Manufacturing Company was incorporated, June 23; capital, \$100,000. Two years later increased to \$200,000.

At the annual meeting the town, by a vote of one hundred and forty to forty, voted to petition the legislature to pass a prohibitory liquor law.

March 15, died, Sarah, wife of Isaac Howe, aged eighty-nine years.

The town appointed a temperance committee consisting of Daniel Putnam, Leonard Chase, Freeman Crosby, Pliny Whitney, and William Wallace, to consider the general subject of the unlawful sales of intoxicating liquors in town. This committee, with some changes in membership, was continued until the passage of the prohibitory liquor law in 1855. They made many lengthy reports which are spread upon the records of the town. All these reports are most interesting reading and are creditable to the heads and hearts of the men who made them. With scarcely an exception, the men of influence in town stand upon the record from 1840 to 1855, as radically opposed to the sale



of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and illegal sellers, so far as known, seem to have been prosecuted. After the passage of the prohibitory law, there was a less degree of unanimity upon this subject.

1848.

February 14, the house of Eugene Hutchinson, Jr., upon the Wilton road was burned. October 24, the Wilton railroad was put in operation as far as Danforth's corner. A newspaper called the *Souhegan Standard* was started. Its life was short. The town voted to discontinue the Osgood road, so called, laid out by the county commissioners. This road was to connect the highway near the residence of the late Dea. Daniel Burns, by a road of considerable length through a sparsely settled country, with the westerly part of Brookline. The petition for the road was vigorously supported by its friends, and opposed in the same manner by the town. The court finally decided that the road need not be built.

Three hundred and forty-four sheep were taxed in town, valued at \$577, and owned by seventy-eight different parties.

Patrick O'Connor took up his residence here. His family was the first Roman Catholic family in town.

June 16, died, Joel Holt, at the age of eighty-four years.

September 5, died, Thomas Taylor, aged eighty-four years. His wife, Susannah, died January 25, 1852, aged eighty-one years. They resided on the farm of the late Timothy Danforth, whose wife now (1895) living at the age of ninety-five years, was their daughter.

September 24, died, Samuel G. Towne, aged eighty-four years, son of Moses Towne.

1849.

At the annual town-meeting it was voted that individuals be permitted to set out trees on the common and enclose a portion of the land with a suitable fence. Humphrey Moore, Daniel Putnam, Hiram A. Daniels, Jonas Hutchinson, and Leonard Chase were appointed a committee "to decide in what manner the work shall be done." Soon after, a number of elm trees, occupying a symmetrical space, were planted by well-known citizens of the town. At a later day the area of the enclosed space was enlarged and the number of trees increased.



August 3 a national fast was appointed by the president, on account of the breaking out of the Asiatic cholera in the United States. Public services were held in our churches.

July 13 was a notably warm day, the thermometer indicating 100°.

November 21, Rev. E. N. Hidden installed pastor of the Congregational church.

July 13, died, Sarah, wife of David Dunklee, aged eighty years.

September 27, died, Frederick Lovejoy, aged fifty-four years. He was a partner with John Holt in the staging business. They were the proprietors of the first line of stages running from Nashua through Milford to the West.

January 10, died, Joseph Coggin, aged seventy-eight years. Betsey, his wife, died April 6, 1846, aged seventy-seven years.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, thirty-five.

A huge wildcat, which had troubled the farmers in this and adjoining towns, was killed February 1, within the limits of Amherst. His weight, though very thin in flesh, exceeded twenty pounds.

1850.

Bainbridge Wadleigh, a native of Bradford, was admitted to the bar in February, and immediately commenced practice here as a partner of Mr. Livermore. A sketch of his professional and public career will be found elsewhere.

December 2, Wilton railroad was completed to Milford; December 25, formally opened to the public.

Foot-bridge built across the Souhegan upon the present location of the bridge.

Steam mill built on site of French & Heald's manufactory. The manufacture of furniture was carried on, together with sawing and planing of lumber.

March 9, died, Crawford Tyler, aged sixty-six years. Martha, his wife, died October 3, 1860, aged seventy years.

During this year, a convention was called to take into consideration the revising of the state constitution. Milford was represented in this body by two delegates, Leonard Chase and George Daniels.

January 13, died, Josiah French, aged seventy-eight years,

the second son of Benjamin French, and his successor in the tanning business, operating the old tannery, until it was taken off his hands by his son, Francis J. French.

1851.

Gilbert Wadleigh, a native of Sutton and a graduate of Dartmouth college, took up his residence in town, becoming the law partner of his cousin, Bainbridge Wadleigh. Sketch elsewhere.

Oliver W. Lull, a native of Weare, was admitted to the bar in May and at once established himself in practice as the competitor of the law firm of G. & B. Wadleigh. An extended notice of his professional and military career is given in another portion of this volume.

Cemetery, laid out on West street upon land purchased of Rev. H. Moore.

October 29, the first interment in the new cemetery was made, a child of Josiah D. Crosby.

During the summer the unoccupied house of Peter Colburn, in the south part of the town, was burned.

December 1, the Wilton railroad was completed to Wilton.

February 15, Jesse Hutchinson, the father of the famous family of singers, died, at the homestead on the north side of the river.

January 25, died, Francis M. King, aged eighty-one years.

August 29, died, Samuel Peabody, aged seventy-five years. He was a son of the original settler, Aaron Peabody.

November 20, died, Lewis Stratton, aged seventy-eight years. He came from Waltham, Mass., about the year 1800.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, forty-five.

1852.

January 7, died, Peter Colburn, aged seventy-five years. Rachel, his wife, died April 29, 1855, aged seventy-five years. They resided on the last farm on the road to Hollis, leading over Federal hill.

August 27, died, Abial Lovejoy, aged sixty-five years, a native of Wilton, coming to Milford in 1808. He engaged in trade early in life and continued in business until he acquired a competency. He was for many years a director in the Wilton railroad.

December 1, died, Joseph Burns, aged eighty-two, a grandson of the original settler, John Burns. His wife survived him two years, dying in 1854 at the age of eighty-eight years. Their residence was on the farm recently owned by George W. Dunclee, on the Brookline road.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, forty-four.

At the presidential election this year, Gen. Franklin Pierce of Hillsborough, whose mother, the daughter of Benjamin Kendrick, was born in old Monson, was elected president of the United States. Although General Pierce was a pronounced Democrat, by reason of his great personal popularity party lines were not carefully observed, and he received the votes of many men outside his own party.

### 1853.

June 1, Dr. Samuel G. Dearborn located here, and for twenty years had a large practice in this and adjoining towns; removed to Nashua in 1873.

The common, as given to the parish by William Crosby, was eight rods in length along its southern boundary. Its eastern boundary line was at right angles with its southern line, or nearly so, and its westerly line was parallel to the easterly line, or nearly so. The common, after all the highways had been established and the town had appropriated the river bank for business purposes, had assumed a triangular shape, and the town had no title to a small triangle in the southwest part of the larger triangle.

To perfect the town's title to the public square as it stands to-day, during this year the town purchased, at an expense of forty dollars, a small triangular piece of land of the owners of the Buxton Tavern estate, and the year following, a larger tract to the south, of the heirs of William Crosby, at an expense of two hundred dollars.

The Star Foundry building was erected near the railroad track, upon the present location of the passenger station of the Fitchburg railroad.

August 1, Rev. Edward Anderson installed pastor of the Baptist church.

November—first official visit of a priest of the Catholic church,

Father McDonald, called to administer the last rites of the church to Mrs. James Finerty.

December 3, died, Mrs. David Williams, aged ninety-one years.

May 15, died, Luther Blanchard, son of Simon Blanchard, aged sixty-six years. He resided in that part of the town formerly the Mile Slip, his farm bordering on the Wilton line.

This year there was published by J. R. Dodge of Nashua, since that time statistician at Washington, a small book entitled the "Hillsborough County Record," in which was contained a brief sketch of the business of each town in the county. The Souhegan Manufacturing Company, Moses French, agent, with 5,000 spindles, were manufacturing 4,000 yards of ticking per day. The Milford Manufacturing Company, Hiram A. Daniels, agent, were manufacturing ticking, and had in operation 1,000 spindles and 28 looms. A. F. Hutchinson was the only trader dealing exclusively in dry goods. Wheeler & Cochran (Gilman Wheeler and James Cochran), C. R. Wallace & Co. (Charles R. Wallace and William R. Wallace), Bruce & Tyler (John E. Bruce and H. M. Tyler), all carried large stocks of dry and West India goods. Putnam & Chase, Shattuck & Conant, and Lane & Dickey, all dealt in West India goods. The Milford Plow Company, Daniel Putnam, Leonard Chase, John G. Raymond, G. W. King, and Abel Chase, proprietors, were doing a large business in the manufacture of the celebrated Eagle plows. They employed at this time fifty hands and in addition to the product of their factory, sold agricultural implements of all kinds. The steam saw-mill was operated by Morgan & Turner; planing, by G. & C. Hanson; turning, by J. A. Temple. Axe helvies were manufactured by Leland & Co.; butter moulds, by W. W. Robbins; chisel handles, by Eben J. Leavitt; furniture, by Robert Knights. George Kenney, at his extensive manufactory near the stone blacksmith shop, was turning out carriages of every pattern and the finest workmanship. Martin Hall was doing his iron work; Joseph Lancaster, the carriage trimming, and Nathaniel Stimpson, the painting. Saw-mills were operated by the Milford Manufacturing Company, Hall & Sawyer, Joel H. Gutterson, Freeman Hutchinson, Nathaniel Coggin, Samuel Wadsworth, Jacob Howard, and McConihe & Hartshorn.



Hall & Sawyer had a grist-mill. Turning and sawing was done by Samuel Goss. J. Brown did a small amount of business as a marble-worker. Boots and shoes were made by S. D. Knowlton, Phineas Stimpson, and Eri Brown. G. W. Duncklee & Co. sold jewelry in connection with their watch-repairing business. Eri Wheeler, John Daniels, Samuel Ames, and John Burns were coopers. The Milford Plow Company did business in the same line. Thomas T. Farnsworth kept the only tavern in town, a temperance house, and although this was prior to the passage of the prohibitory law, there was no rum shop in town. Mrs. B. H. Shaw, a good milliner, had the entire business of the town. For blacksmiths there were Martin Hall, P. B. Hood, and F. B. Hutchinson. Mills & Lewis (John Mills and James Lewis), boot and shoe manufacturers, were doing a large business, employing forty men and fifteen women. Lane & Dickey were in the same business with fifteen hands. Pratt & Bosworth were the proprietors of the iron foundry, in which they did an extensive business, making, among other patterns, the famous North Star cooking stoves. Edward Bullard and L. W. Bruce were tailors; Jacob Gove and Francis J. French, tanners. Levi Putnam manufactured furniture. Gardner Blanchard, J. E. Mackey, and Luther Pearson did the house painting for the town. Pearson & Boynton and John A. Powers furnished the public with stoves and tinware. Spencer Guild sold books and dispensed drugs. Abial Holt and Robert Knights made coffins. George B. Giles and George W. Rayleigh were wheelwrights. The village barber was John P. Adams. Nahum W. Burke kept a first-class temperance restaurant. The brass band enjoyed a high degree of popularity under the leadership of J. Giffin. Daniel Russell was postmaster. S. K. Livermore, Bainbridge Wadleigh, Gilbert Wadleigh, and Oliver W. Lull were in active practice as attorneys.

Dr. Hezekiah Eldridge, Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, and Dr. S. S. Stickney were the old and tried physicians. Dr. Samuel G. Dearborn and Dr. O. O. Roberts were the new comers. William Darracott and Paschal Brooks were dentists. Rev. E. N. Hidden of the Congregational church was the only settled pastor in town.

Total number of deaths in town this year, forty-six.



1854.

January 30, an unusually cold day.

The summer and autumn very dry, sickness prevailed in all parts of the town. The death rate exceeded that of any previous year, total number sixty-eight.

Milford Machine Company incorporated.

Milford Medical Springs incorporated.

October 20, died, Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Abial Holt, aged eighty-two years.

August 14, died, Moses Towne, son of the original settler of the same name, aged eighty-eight years. His wife, Sarah, died April 17, 1851, aged eighty-four years.

December 11, died, Dr. Robert Fuller, aged eighty-eight years. His residence was upon the corner, now the site of the town-house. He was one of the first physicians engaging in general practice in what is now the village of Milford. Regularly educated, he practised in the earlier portion of his life as a strict allopathist, but with many years' experience, he came to have great confidence in nature's restorative powers, and less confidence in drugs, and his remedies were few and simple.

September 7, died, James Blanchard, aged sixty-eight years, the son of Stephen Blanchard, a prominent citizen of the Mile Slip before the incorporation of the town, and a Revolutionary soldier. He owned and lived upon the farm now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Jewett, near the Milford springs.

1855.

New road to Mont Vernon laid out and built. Before this time connection with Mont Vernon had been by the old road leading by the David Hutchinson place, or by Amherst Plain.

Souhegan bank incorporated.

February 5 Father Donnelly celebrated the first mass in the town at the residence of Patrick O'Connor.

Daniel Russell was elected register of deeds at the annual March election, and held the office two years.

March 21, died, Timothy Moar, aged seventy-one years. He resided upon that part of the Charlestown School-farm now owned by Timothy Holland, and was a son of Capt. Joshua Moore.

May 17, died, Timothy Danforth, aged seventy-seven years. He lived upon the farm afterwards occupied by his son, Timothy.

Number of deaths in town during the year, thirty-seven.

1856.

February 25, died, William Shaw, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Shaw was one of the substantial citizens of the town, a neighbor of the late Joseph Tucker. In some way, he came to be almost universally called Deacon Shaw, although no religious body had elected him to that office. A stranger, having been introduced to him by that title and the introduction having been followed by some conversation, expressed a little surprise to the late Ezra M. Gay that Mr. Shaw should be the incumbent of such an office. The stranger was set right by the explanation, "He's one of Joe Tucker's deacons."

Bell placed in the tower of the Baptist meeting-house; weight, 1,450 pounds.

The rainfall this year was unusually large.

September 20, died, Hannah W., widow of Ebenezer Mills, aged eighty-three years.

December 15, died, Ezekiel Ames, aged eighty-one. A resident of town from about 1800. He was the original settler in town of that name, and resided upon a farm on the north-easterly slope of Federal hill.

July 6, died, Abel Spalding, aged eighty-two years. He owned and occupied the farm immediately south of the William Ramsdell farm. His wife survived him three years, dying at the same age to which he had attained.

Number of deaths during the year, thirty-seven.

1857.

Probably the coldest day experienced in this state the present century was January 24, when the thermometer here indicated —37°. The sky was remarkably clear, and a strong north-west wind blew all day. This extreme cold was followed, within forty-eight hours, by a rain storm.

January 7 appeared the first number of a paper called the *Milford Republican*, and had an existence of several years.

September 25, died, Ebenezer Pearson, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a son of Ebenezer Pearson, one of the first settlers of the Duxbury School-farm.

September 30, Hillsborough county agricultural fair held in town.

This was a year of great commercial distress, and the town suffered, in common with other places.

October 14, died, Col. Benjamin Hutchinson, at the age of eighty years. He was everywhere known as "Col. Ben" Hutchinson. His home was where his son, Benjamin F. Hutchinson, now lives in an honored old age.

March 2, died, Hannah, widow of Stearns Needham, aged ninety-seven years.

January 26, died, Jonathan Bartlett, aged fifty-seven years. He was for several years postmaster.

September 13, died, Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, aged sixty-five years, a grandson of the original settler, a physician by profession, practising medicine in Hancock until 1841. He returned to Milford, where he practised until his death. In both towns he was prominent as a citizen and physician.

July 20, died, John Sargent, aged seventy years. His residence was upon the farm now occupied by Nelson H. Brown. His son, John M. Sargent, is now living on the Ezekiel Goodwin farm at the advanced age of more than four score years.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, fifty-six.

# 1858.

The winter of 1857-'58 was remarkably mild.

July 1, died, Polly, widow of Joel Holt, aged ninety-five years.

July 1, died, Dr. Charles Tuttle, at Acton, Mass., the place of his birth. He came to Milford in 1800, and remained for twenty years, practising his profession. His wife was Hannah, daughter of George Burns. His son, Charles, remained and died in town; his sons, George and Nelson, settled in Nashua; his daughter, Parmelia, became the wife of Frederick Lovejoy. George was a successful trader, for many years a member of the firm of Kendrick & Tuttle, in Nashua. Nelson, during the earlier portion of his life, was a noted stage-driver, handling six and even eight horses with the greatest dexterity. In

middle life he went into trade, dealing for the most part in ready-made clothing. His wife lived but a short time after their marriage, and as a widower he fell into extremely economical habits, making his home in his store and allowing himself none of the luxuries of life and not all of life's comforts. He left a fortune in the vicinity of two hundred thousand dollars. With all his eccentricities he was an honest man and upright in all his business dealings.

September 28, Hillsborough county fair upon the fair grounds near East Milford station.

Total number of deaths in town, thirty-five.

1859.

January 11 was a remarkably cold day, the thermometer indicating  $-34^{\circ}$ .

January 4 there was a remarkable fall of snow for a single storm, measuring fully two feet.

January 11, very cold, mercury  $-34^{\circ}$ .

July 21, Lucius Needham, son of David P. Needham, died of small-pox.

Milford savings bank incorporated.

November 25, Rev. J. W. Horton installed pastor of the Baptist church.

St. Patrick's church erected. The land on Souhegan street was the gift of John Finerty and Patrick O'Connor. The church was enlarged in 1864 and dedicated in 1867.

March 23, died, Capt. Jacob Hutchinson, aged seventy-four years, a grandson of Nathan Hutchinson, the original settler; an influential citizen, prominent in military affairs.

November 13, died, Persis, wife of Henry Lovejoy, aged seventy-eight years.

June 8, died, Rev. Joel Wright, aged seventy-five years. He was the son of Benjamin Wright, a resident of the Mile Slip, where he was born in the year 1784. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Leverett, Mass., December 9, 1812. He filled several pastorates in which he was highly esteemed as a preacher and pastor, and died at South Hadley, Mass.

This year the Nashua, Milford, and Peterborough telegraph



company was located and built, and the town put in communication with the outside world.

A lynx, probably one that had made considerable trouble in Milford and Amherst, was killed in Antrim in January.

Total number of deaths in town this year, thirty-six.

1860.

Uncommonly wet season.

Milford Fire Insurance Company incorporated.

May 30 Amherst celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation. Milford as a grown-up daughter was invited and participated in the exercises. Horace Greeley, a native of Amherst, delivered the oration.

By vote of the town the following persons represented Milford at the centennial celebration of the parent town: Humphrey Moore, Abel Chase, Pomeroy M. Rossiter, William Ramsdell, Levi Curtis, Gilman Wheeler, Nathaniel C. Curtis, Joel H. Gutterson, Isaac Burris, R. D. Bennett, Jacob Sargent, and Whitcomb Tarbell.

David Goodwin, in July, made the following record concerning the town and its enterprises :

“For twenty years past the business of this town has rapidly increased, and a special change, not only in the appearance of the place, but in the character of the people, is visible.

“The cotton mills have been, most of the time, kept in successful operation, which have given employment to about two hundred persons. The village is well supplied with manufactories and shops for the manufacture of different and almost all kinds of wares, which has occasioned a continual influx of immigrants into the village; and, coming with their own various and peculiar views, notions, and habits, the character and order of society has become essentially changed within a few years. In this town, at the present time there are 3 clergymen, 4 practising physicians, 3 lawyers, 2 dentists, 2 drug shops, 1 furniture warehouse, 8 stores, 5 blacksmith shops, 2 carriage manufactories, 2 harness shops, 3 market houses, 1 printing-office, 1 post-office, 2 periodical offices, 1 Daguerrean saloon, 1 agricultural warehouse, 3 clothing houses, 2 millinery shops, 1 hotel, 2 restaurants.

“The number of liquor shops is not positively known, as the signs are not permanently attached to any particular locality.

“One licensed agent (Dr. H. Eldridge) furnishes distilled



liquor to those who can give satisfactory evidence that they will use it only for medicinal or mechanical purposes. In this town the number of men to whom the title of Esq. is often affixed, is 'too numerous to particularize.' There are in this town 3 grain mills, 8 saw-mills, 8 boot and shoe shops, 1 horse-nail factory, 1 pail manufactory, carpenters, coopers, painters, etc."

October 25, died, in Amherst, John Blunt, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Blunt owned and occupied the farm on the northerly slope of Federal hill, afterwards the homestead of the late William R. French, for nearly twenty years, leaving town and taking up his residence in Nashua in 1836. During the time of his residence in Milford, he was a substantial farmer and a citizen of large public spirit. He engaged in trade in Nashua, where for many years he had as a partner his son, John G. Blunt, who in turn took his son, Hon. Edward O. Blunt, as a partner, who is now doing business at the stand occupied by the Blunt family for sixty years.

July 17, died, Benjamin Wright, aged eighty-two years. He was born on the farm settled by his father, Benjamin Wright, in the Mile Slip, as early as 1775. The original settler, Benjamin Wright, was a prominent man in the Mile Slip, a citizen of Milford upon its incorporation, and afterwards influential in town affairs. The second Benjamin Wright followed in the footsteps of his father, and was a prominent member of the Congregational church.

November 29, died, Dea. Daniel Burns, at the advanced age of ninety-six years, a grandson of the original settler, John Burns. Number of deaths in town, thirty-six.

April 15, died, Leonard Brooks, aged eighty years.

October 8, died, Mary Pearson, aged ninety-two years.

At the annual meeting the town voted that the selectmen might build a foot bridge at Jones's Corner, at an expense not exceeding \$450, if called for by the inhabitants in that neighborhood. There was also a vote passed directing the selectmen to enforce the liquor law in town, and on the "Acre" in Amherst.

Permission was given the "Friends of Progression" to occupy the town hall on Sundays during the year for public worship, free of rent.

October 25, died, Hannah Ball, aged eighty years.

LIST OF TAX-PAYERS, 1860.

Franklin Abbott,  
Harvey Abbott,  
Hezekiah Abbott,  
Isaac Abbott,  
John P. Adams,  
Charles F. Aiken,  
Edward Alexander,  
Samuel Ames,  
Warren O. Ames,  
William Ames,  
Timothy D. Amsden,  
Rebecca Anderson,  
Andrew Arthur,  
John Arthur,  
Aladin Averill,  
Calvin Averill,  
Calvin H. Averill,  
Clinton S. Averill,  
Eben Averill,  
Granville Averill,  
James Averill,  
Luther Averill,  
Moses Averill,  
Nancy Averill,  
Marshall Bacon,  
J. J. Badger,  
Leepha Badger,  
Leonard Badger Est.,  
Morris Bain,  
Briggs Ball,  
Mary and Rhoda Ballard,  
Joel Barker,  
Martha Barker,  
A. F. Barnes,  
Charles Barnes,  
Joseph P. Barnes,  
Bartlett & Burnham,  
George F. Bartlett,  
Isaac Bartlett,  
John M. Bartlett,  
Matthew Bartlett,  
Sarah F. Bartlett,  
E. C. Batchelder,  
Micah Batchelder,  
Moses Batchelder,

N. P. Batchelder,  
John Beasom,  
R. D. Bennett,  
Jason Bills,  
Henry M. Bird,  
Amos F. Blanchard,  
Bradley Blanchard,  
Elizabeth Blanchard,  
George W. Blanchard,  
Stephen Blanchard,  
Emily P. Blood,  
James Blood,  
John Bonner,  
N. F. Boutwell,  
Samuel Boyles,  
James F. Boynton,  
Patrick Brabaney,  
Leonard Brooks,  
William Brown,  
J. E. Bruce,  
John Bruce,  
Luther S. Bullard,  
J. M. Burdick,  
Norman Burdick,  
Dexter S. Burnham,  
David Burnham,  
Harriet M. Burnham,  
Moses P. Burnham,  
William P. Burnham,  
Asa Burns,  
Betsey Burns,  
Daniel Burns, Jr.,  
Eli S. Burns,  
Elizabeth Burns,  
Edward A. Burns,  
George W. Burns,  
Isaac Burns,  
Isaac Jasper Burns,  
Jason F. Burns,  
John Burns,  
J. M. Burns,  
L. M. Burns,  
Peter Burns,  
Peter Burns, Jr.,  
William W. Burns,

Nelson Burrell,  
John A. Burt,  
Susan Burt,  
Butterfield,  
Daniel T. Buttrick,  
Asa Buttrick,  
Calef & Caldwell,  
Came & Blanchard,  
Brooks R. Came,  
George W. Came,  
William H. Cambell,  
Martin Cane,  
Michael Cane,  
John Carleton,  
S. L. Carmon,  
Henry J. Chapman,  
Abel Chase,  
Alvin B. Chase,  
Chase & Dickey,  
Ira Chase,  
Jonas Chase,  
Leonard Chase,  
Alonzo R. Clark,  
Clark & Fitch,  
Gardner Clark,  
Jacob Clark,  
John W. Clark,  
Joseph Clark,  
Leonard H. Clark,  
Peter Clark,  
Robert A. Clark,  
Rufus Clark,  
Norman E. Cobb,  
Stephen C. Coburn,  
John D. Cochran,  
William D. Coffin,  
Betsey Coggin,  
Daniel Coggin,  
Joseph Colburn, Jr.,  
Josiah Colburn,  
Washington Colburn,  
William P. Colburn,  
Benjamin I. Conant,  
C. F. Conant,  
Hugh Connor,  
John Connor,  
Patrick Connor,

Thomas Connor,  
Mary A. Cragin,  
Robert B. Crombie,  
George E. Crooker,  
Abel C. Crosby,  
Arthur T. Crosby,  
Crosby & Collins,  
Edward Crosby,  
Esther M. Crosby,  
Freeman Crosby,  
Frederick Crosby,  
George Crosby,  
Harriet Crosby,  
Joseph Crosby,  
Josiah D. Crosby,  
John W. Crosby,  
Rufus Crosby,  
William Crosby,  
Betsey Cummings,  
Daniel Y. Currier,  
Levi Curtis,  
Nathaniel C. Curtis,  
Joseph Cushing,  
Custos Morem Lodge,  
I. O. O. F.,  
Lorenzo Cutter,  
George Daniels,  
H. A. Daniels,  
John Daniels,  
Randall Daniels,  
A. M. Darracott,  
George Darracott,  
William Darracott,  
E. P. Dascomb,  
Charles O. Davis,  
George W. Davis,  
John F. Davis,  
Joshua Davis,  
William S. Davis,  
S. G. Dearborn,  
Robert Demmick,  
James Devan,  
John Dickey,  
John Dillon,  
Michael Dillon,  
Allan Dodge,  
Patrick Doherty,

John Donahue,  
 George H. Drew,  
 J. S. Drew,  
 Horatio Dunbar,  
 George W. Duncklee,  
 Duncklee & Hutchinson,  
 Jacob Duncklee,  
 Joel W. Duncklee,  
 Joseph Duncklee.  
 Levi Duncklee,  
 Luther C. Duncklee,  
 Reed Dutton,  
 William P. Easton,  
 Hezekiah Eldredge,  
 Luther Elliott,  
 Josephine M. Ellis,  
 Sumner B. Emerson,  
 Harriet Endicott,  
 Enoch Farley,  
 T. T. Farnsworth,  
 James B. Farwell,  
 Abram Fifield,  
 Edward Finerty,  
 Lucy Fisher,  
 Terrance Fitzpatrick,  
 John M. Flanders,  
 John Flanagan,  
 Flint & Boutwell,  
 John O. Flynn,  
 J. P. Folsom,  
 Alonzo Foster,  
 Charles A. Foster,  
 John E. Foster,  
 Kimball Foster,  
 Moses Foster,  
 Moses F. Foster,  
 Augustus B. French,  
 Francis J. French,  
 Leonard French,  
 Moses French,  
 John B. Fretts,  
 Andrew Fuller,  
 John Garfield,  
 Thomas Garrity,  
 William Gavin,  
 Ezra M. Gay,  
 Ezra M. Gay, Jr.,

John Gibb,  
 George H. Gillis,  
 Jonathan J. Gordan,  
 David W. Gordan,  
 R. B. Goodell,  
 Goodell & Lancaster,  
 Jesse Goodell,  
 David Goodwin,  
 Ezekiel Goodwin,  
 Israel H. Goodwin,  
 Henry S. Goss,  
 Samuel Goss,  
 Samuel Goss, Jr.,  
 Benjamin Gould,  
 James Gould,  
 Jacob Gove,  
 Alonzo W. Gray,  
 James B. Gray,  
 James H. Gray,  
 Matthew Gray,  
 Rhoda Gray,  
 Stephen D. Greeley,  
 Alonzo Green,  
 Daniel Green,  
 Edmund Green,  
 John R. Green,  
 Frank E. Greisinger,  
 Hannah Griffin,  
 Spencer Guild,  
 Charles H. Gutterson,  
 Eunice Gutterson,  
 Joel H. Gutterson,  
 John Gutterson,  
 Justus Gutterson,  
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 Simeon W. Gutterson,  
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 Martin Hall,  
 Hall & Marvell,  
 Thomas B. Hall,  
 William Hall,  
 Hannah Hallorin,  
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 Hezekiah Hamblett,  
 H. P. Hamblett,

Joel W. Hamblett,  
 Orrin A. Hamblett,  
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 David Heald,  
 Henry Heald,  
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 Persis Hemenway,  
 Charles E. Herrick,  
 Charles P. Herrick,  
 Charles L. Hildreth,  
 William A. Hill.  
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 Sawyer Holden,  
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 John Holland,  
 Michael Holland,  
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 Calvin Holt,  
 Mrs. Calvin Holt,  
 Ezra Holt,  
 Ira Holt.  
 Joshua M. Holt,  
 Luther Holt.  
 Nehemiah Holt,  
 Jeremiah Hood,  
 Jeremiah Hood, 2d,  
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 Howison & Marvell,  
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 John W. Hutchinson,  
 J. C. & L. Hutchinson,  
 John A. W. Hutchinson,  
 Jerusha Hutchinson,  
 Joshua Hutchinson,  
 Laura Hutchinson,  
 Lucinda Hutchinson,  
 Luther Hutchinson,  
 Nathan R. Hutchinson,



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Robert McKenzie,  
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Henry Merrill,  
Aaron Mills,  
Ebenezer Mills,  
Ezekiel Mills,  
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John A. Mills,  
John Mills,  
Xenophon E. Mills,  
Lewis & Lane Mills,  
Christiana Moore,  
Dean Moore,  
Grant P. Moore,  
Rev. Humphrey Moore,  
Moore & Osgood,  
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Francis Morse,  
Morse, Kaley & Co.,  
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Richard Mullen,  
David P. Needham,  
Benjamin W. Needham,  
Newton & Spalding,  
A. A. Nickols,  
Catherine Nolan,  
Alfred Noyes,  
C. C. Nutting,  
Samuel Ober,  
Anna Odell,  
Francis Odell,  
Jasper Osgood,  
William Osgood,  
William H. Osgood,  
Enoch Page,  
Rufus W. Palmer,  
George Parker,  
Levi Parker,  
Melvin O. Parker,  
Milton Parker,  
J. H. Parmalee,  
Timothy H. Parsons,

Joseph Patch,  
Asher Peabody,  
H. A. Peabody,  
Hiram Peabody,  
Horace Peabody,  
Luther Peabody,  
Augustus Peacock,  
Frederick W. Peacock,  
Dimon Pearson,  
David J. Pearson,  
James Pearson,  
Luther Pearson,  
Luther & James Pearson,  
George Pecker,  
Richard H. Pierce,  
William R. Pierce,  
Peter Pike,  
Josiah H. Plympton,  
Kilburn S. Porter,  
Charles W. Potter,  
Albert S. Powers,  
Powers & Dickey,  
John A. Powers,  
Rhoda C. Powers,  
John R. Pratt,  
Nancy Pratt,  
George O. Proctor,  
J. G. Proctor,  
Holland Prouty,  
Amos Putnam Est.,  
Putnam & Chase,  
Putnam, Chase & Co.,  
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John F. Putnam,  
Joseph Putnam,  
John Quigg,  
William H. Ramsdell,  
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John Rand,  
Jesse Raymond,  
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H. D. Richardson,  
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William P. Richardson,

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 Thomas S. Ridgeway,  
 Lucinda Robbins,  
 Russell Robbins,  
 William W. Robbins,  
 Luther A. Roby,  
 Roby, Wright & Buttrick,  
 Pomeroy M. Rossiter,  
 George W. Royleigh,  
 Joshua Royleigh,  
 Daniel Russell,  
 Phebe P. Russell,  
 John Sabin,  
 James Sanderson,  
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 John N. Sargent,  
 John J. Savage,  
 Salmon Savage,  
 Franklin H. Sawtell,  
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 Frederick T. Sawyer,  
 Samuel Scripture,  
 George W. Searles,  
 James Searles,  
 Thomas Searles,  
 Catherine Shannahan,  
 James Shannahan,  
 Asenath Shaw,  
 Betsey H. Shaw,  
 Christopher C. Shaw,  
 William Shaw,  
 David B. Shed,  
 Peter F. Shed,  
 B. A. Shepard,  
 Charles Shepard,  
 Samuel Shepard,  
 Robert Shepard,  
 Stephen F. Shirley,  
 Daniel Simonds,  
 Joseph Sloan,  
 Mrs. A. Smith,  
 Daniel Smith,  
 Edwin Smith,  
 Handel A. Smith,  
 Henry P. Smith,

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 J. C. Smith,  
 Luke Smith,  
 Zalmon Smith,  
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 Henry Spalding,  
 Silas Spalding,  
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 Charles E. Steele,  
 J. M. Stevens,  
 Sophronia Stevens,  
 George J. Stickney,  
 Simeon S. Stickney,  
 Lucinda Stiles,  
 Willard Stiles,  
 Phineas Stimpson,  
 Nathaniel Stimson,  
 Bradley Stone,  
 Nathaniel Stone,  
 Oliver Stone,  
 David P. Stowell,  
 Albert Sumner,  
 John Sumner,  
 Elisha Swinington,  
 Gilbert Tapley,  
 Charles Tarbell,  
 Whitcomb Tarbell,  
 William F. Tarbell,  
 Timothy G. Temple,  
 S. R. Thomas,  
 David F. Thompson,  
 Robert Thompson,  
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 Erastus D. Towne,  
 John Towne, Jr.,  
 John P. Towne,  
 Jonathan Towne,  
 Luther Towne,  
 Mary Towne,  
 Mrs. Samuel Towne,

Tyler Towne,  
 William B. Towne,  
 Edwin S. Trowe,  
 Jesse Trow,  
 Eben B. Tuck,  
 Joseph Tucker,  
 Uriah Tufts,  
 Granville Turner,  
 Charles Tuttle,  
 Nelson Tuttle,  
 Benjamin Twiss,  
 Joseph A. Twitchell,  
 Humphrey M. Tyler,  
 Martha Tyler,  
 B. Wadleigh,  
 Gilbert Wadleigh,  
 Harvey S. Wadsworth,  
 Samuel Wadsworth,  
 Elizabeth Wallace,  
 George A. Wallace,  
 Hannah Wallace,  
 William R. Wallace,  
 Wallace & Sawyer,  
 Rufus Wallingford,  
 Wallingford & Ober,  
 Loami B. Ward,  
 Charles Weaver,  
 Asa Wetherbee,  
 J. Addison Wetherbee,

William Wetherbee,  
 Eri C. Wheeler,  
 Gilman Wheeler,  
 Charles S. White,  
 Samuel White,  
 Charles P. Whitney,  
 George H. Whitney,  
 Pliny Whitney,  
 John Wigley,  
 Charles Wilkins,  
 James Wilkins,  
 Levi W. Wilkins,  
 Thomas J. Wilkins,  
 Thomas Williams,  
 Edwin Willoby,  
 Sally Willoby,  
 Abijah Woods,  
 John P. Woods,  
 William W. Woods,  
 Benjamin Woolson,  
 Mary B. Woolson,  
 Charles H. Worcester,  
 Israel L. Worcester,  
 Charles P. Wright,  
 James G. Wright,  
 Ozias Wright,  
 Prudence Wright,  
 Vesta Wright.

1861.

February 8 was an extremely cold day, the thermometer indicating  $-36^{\circ}$ .

November 6 the barn of William R. Wallace, south of the common, was burned; two horses perished in the flames.

May 7 a full company of three months' volunteers left Milford for Portsmouth and the war. The order for three months' men was rescinded, and a large part of the men returned.

May 1 Rev. F. D. Ayer installed pastor of the Congregational church.

Leonard Chase elected a member of the state senate and re-elected in 1862.

August 25, died, Reuben Hutchinson, a grandson of the original Nathan, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was



especially prominent in town affairs, serving as one of the selectmen many years.

April 16, died, David P. Needham, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Needham was a most useful citizen, in addition to his occupation as a farmer acting as land surveyor as occasion required.

August 14, died, Joseph Colburn, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Colburn came to Milford in 1800, with Capt. Moses Nowell, in whose family he was brought up. In 1826 he erected the buildings now standing upon the farm of his son, Dea. William P. Colburn, and continued to reside there during the remainder of an honored and useful life.

September 5, died, Luther Hutchinson, aged seventy-eight years.

August 8, died, Jeremiah Hood, aged eighty years. He was born in Dracut, Mass., but came to Milford prior to 1812. His residence was in the southerly part of the town on the Brookline road.

January 4, national Fast day by proclamation of the president. Number of deaths in town, forty-four.

March 30, died, Huldah Kidder, aged eighty-eight years.

# 1862.

Clinton S. Averill, a native of this town, opened a law office, which with some interruptions was continued until his decease. A sketch of his useful life is found elsewhere.

March 13, house of Mr. Shanahan on Nashua street in the village, consumed by fire.

March 24, died, Miss Carrie E. Cutter, daughter of Calvin Cutter, M. D. She was born in Milford July 28, 1842. Her mother was the daughter of Nathan Hall. She was educated at Professor Russell's school at Lancaster, Mass., at Mt. Holyoke seminary, and at a private German school in Pennsylvania. Dr. Cutter was surgeon of the Twenty-first Massachusetts Volunteers. In October, 1861, at her earnest, repeated request, she was permitted to join her father at Annapolis, and when the Burnside expedition sailed she was allowed to continue on the steamship *Northerner*, on board which vessel she was during the action at Roanoke Island, caring for the wounded. After the action she went ashore and labored untiringly in the care of



the sick and wounded. Being able to speak German, she took charge of three young German soldiers, who in their delirium had forgotten the English language.

The severity of this experience brought on fever of which she died in the cabin of the *Northerner*, before she had reached her twentieth birthday. By order of General Burnside she was buried with military honors, usually observed at the burial of a colonel. When the National cemetery was established at New Berne, by order of the secretary of war, her remains were removed to that place. Her name is inscribed in enduring bronze on the soldiers' monument in Warren, Mass., the residence of her father. The United States has furnished her with a soldier's headstone.

October 22, died, Dea. Andrew Hutchinson, aged eighty-eight years. A son of Elisha Hutchinson and a brother of Jesse Hutchinson. The brothers lived for a considerable length of time upon the Elisha Hutchinson homestead, where there were two large houses. The latter years of his life were spent in the village, in the house now owned by Frank W. Richardson. He was one of the active men in the organization of the Baptist church and a constant and liberal supporter of its ordinances during his life.

September 27, died, David Duncklee, aged sixty-eight years. He resided in the village where Brook R. Came now lives, and was a plough-maker by occupation.

December 8, died, Henry Hutchinson, aged seventy-four years. The latter portion of his life was spent upon a small farm near the Osgood mill, at one time the property of Josiah Osgood, Jr.

March 24, died, Phineas Stimson, aged sixty-eight years. He came from Ashburnham, Mass., in the early part of the century. His first wife was Rhoda Metcalf of Ashburnham; his second wife was Rachel Holt of Milford; each wife was the mother of eight children. Mr. Stimson, or Major Stimson, as he was usually addressed, was a boot and shoe maker by trade, and a musician of considerable note. He was of service to his generation in many ways. His son, Rodney M., is a prominent citizen of Ohio.

November 17, died, William Hay, aged eighty-eight years.

He came from Merrimack, and for many years lived at the junction of High and South streets. He at one time owned nearly all the hill over which High street passes.

At the annual meeting David Goodwin was constituted historian of the town, and of the existing war, so far as Milford men were connected with it.

At a special town-meeting the question of removing a portion of the county records from Amherst to Manchester and the remaining portion to Nashua, came before the town. Two hundred and seventy-four citizens recorded their votes against the proposition, and but two in favor of it.

1863.

August 18, died, Asa Goodell, in the ninety-sixth year of his age.

September 26, Souhegan bank broken into and robbed.

September 27, died, Henry Lovejoy, aged eighty-two years. A native of Wilton, he came to Milford in 1816, locating upon the farm now occupied by his grandson, Samuel, upon the Brookline road. Mr. Lovejoy had no desire for public or political position, but during a protracted life was always found the upright and useful citizen. Two of his sons for many years occupied the farm upon which he made his home for nearly half a century. Two of his daughters, Mrs. Eliphalet Putnam and Miss Phebe Lovejoy, are residents here.

At the annual town meeting it was voted to sell the right of way across the land of Humphrey Moore, from Elm street to the cemetery.

March 25, died, Rebecca Jones, aged eighty-five years.

August 7, died, Samuel Goss, aged seventy-five years. Mr. Goss was a mechanic of more than ordinary ability. He was something of a millwright, operating a mill in several places in town, but during the latter part of his life having a small mill upon the north side of the Amherst road, upon a brook which empties into the Souhegan near the old Knowlton shoe-shop.

March 17, died, Nathan Adams, aged eighty years, a native of this town and a son of Jacob Adams. In the War of 1812, he was bandmaster on the frigate *Constitution*. He was a noted genius of his time, and some of the greatest improvements in

musical instruments, notably the production of the diatonic scale with three touches, the introduction of the valve or piston movement, and other important changes in band instruments, were of his invention. While on board the *Constitution*, he conceived the idea of cutting holes in the side of his bugle, thus being enabled to give certain calls in a lower pitch. Later, he submitted this idea to the noted instrument maker, Kent, in London, who acted upon his suggestion in producing the Kent bugle, with from one to seven keys. Mr. Adams resided in many places during his eventful life, remaining in Lowell, Mass., longer, perhaps, than in any other one place, where he was a leading musician, and a manufacturer and repairer of musical and scientific instruments. Later in life he resided at Nantasket, Mass., where he won a reputation as a repairer of ship chronometers. A few years before his death he returned to Milford, and opened a little shop where the savings bank is now located, where he carried on business in a small way until his decease. At the time of his death arrangements were being perfected, by leading musicians of Boston and vicinity, to give a grand concert for his benefit, as he was in destitute circumstances. His body is buried in No. 1 cemetery, and is marked by a small, iron tablet.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, forty-two.

1864.

August 3 was one of the hottest days of the century, the thermometer indicating 103°. The summer was very dry and sickly.

Leonard Chase was elected a member of the governor's council and re-elected the next year.

At the annual meeting the town voted to sell the land on Souhegan river, northwest of the common, which up to that time had been leased. This was a part of the land given the parish by William Crosby, before the incorporation of the town.

It was also voted to "solicit the coöperation of the adjoining towns in the suppression of the liquor traffic." It was also voted that "If the selectmen do not do their duty in suppressing the liquor traffic, we, the legal voters, will not re-elect them." It may here be remarked that during the forty years the prohib-

itory law has been upon the statute books of the state, but few annual meetings of the town have occurred without the passage of some resolution looking to the rigid enforcement of the law. It may further be remarked that such action has not been proposed by men lacking influence and character, but by the best and strongest men in town, themselves the largest tax-payers.

August 3, died, Olive Blanchard, aged ninety-five years, widow of Isaac Blanchard, and granddaughter of the original settler, Benjamin Hopkins.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, fifty-one.

1865.

Dr. William H. W. Hinds, after an honorable service of three years as surgeon of Massachusetts regiments, located here, and is now occupied, as he has been for thirty years, with a large medical practice.

Prices of many articles of common consumption rose rapidly during the war, and were perhaps as high during this year as at anytime. Flour sold at twenty dollars a barrel and even higher, the very best at one time selling as high as twenty-three dollars per barrel; the best yard-wide sheeting, at seventy cents per yard; loaf and granulated sugar sold as high as thirty-two cents per pound; the extreme price of butter ranged from fifty to sixty cents per pound, according to quality. Kerosene oil was sold as high as one dollar and a half per gallon. Indian corn, potatoes, rye, and oats were higher than usual, but did not reach extreme prices. The same was true of woolen products. The number of horses required by the government during the war was so large as to advance the price; the government price after the war was well advanced, was one hundred and twenty-five dollars per head. The examination was not very severe, and almost every creature offered for sale was taken at this price. This caused an appreciation in the price of horses, so that anything fully satisfactory to a farmer or a business man readily commanded two hundred dollars.

The season was warm and dry, the wells and streams unusually low. The Connecticut river at Hartford, Conn., was forded by teams.

October 18, died, Peter Burns, aged seventy-six years, of the



fourth generation from the original settler, John Burns. He resided during the larger part of his life upon the farm upon which he was born, which is now the property of John M. Burns. He was the pioneer in opening the Milford quarries, and in furnishing granite to builders in any considerable quantity. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and prominent in the New Hampshire state militia, in which service he acquired his title of Captain.

June 20, died, Humphrey Peabody, aged eighty-six years. A son of the early settler, Aaron, he lived in the neighborhood of his father's residence, and was for many years a deacon in the Congregational church.

At the annual town meeting Jacob Gove was moderator. Mr. Gove became a citizen of the town in middle life, operating the tannery upon Elm street for several years, succeeding John Ramsdell in that business. He located here not far from 1850 and remained something more than a score of years. He was an earnest advocate of temperance and anti-slavery principles, and his personal influence and that of his family, while residents here, were always upon the right side.

August 18, died, Mrs. Prudence Wright, aged eighty-one years.

January 3, died, Lydia Foster, aged seventy-six years.

April 3, died, Mary Hood, aged eighty-three years.

October 24, died, Joshua Davis, aged seventy years. Mr. Davis owned and occupied the first dwelling-house above the stone blacksmith shop, on the north side of Elm street, which was originally built by Daniel Russell for a store.

1866.

Town clock placed in the tower of the old town-house, and afterwards transferred to the new town-house. At the age of about twenty-one years, the old clock, which had been an indifferent time-keeper, was given its time, so far as it had any, and a new clock was put into the tower of the new town-house.

Pine Valley Company incorporated; name changed afterwards (1873) to Hillsborough Mills.

May 16, died, Capt. Daniel Burns, aged seventy-five years, a prominent member of the Congregational church, in which his father for a long time sustained the office of deacon.



This year was remarkable for having a moonless February,—that is, during the month of February, 1866, there was no full moon. So far as the historian has prosecuted his researches, there has been but one other moonless February during the nineteenth century—there was no full moon in the month of February, 1809.

August 20 the registry of deeds, the office of the clerk of the supreme court, and the records of the probate court were removed from Amherst to Nashua. The jail had been established at Manchester two years previous. All earlier attempts to remove the records from Amherst had been strenuously opposed by Milford people; but this proposition to locate all of the county offices at one place, and that place being comparatively near and accessible by railroad, was not opposed.

September 16, died, Stephen C. Marshall, aged seventy-seven years.

Total number of deaths in town during the year, thirty-two.

1867.

June 23, John Doyle of New Boston was killed at Wilton, in a melée with Thomas Broderick of “the Acre” (Amherst, but very near the Milford line).

In October following Broderick was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to one year in state prison.

At the annual town meeting the subject of a new town-house was brought up for consideration, and E. C. Batchelder, Daniel Putnam, and Leonard Chase were appointed a committee to select and purchase a lot for a town-house, and to procure plans for a building. The result of the labor of this committee and other committees, in which the names of William Ramsdell, Clinton S. Averill, Moses Proctor, and John M. Burns appear, was the purchase of the “Factory” lot, so called, upon which the old town-house, now called Eagle hall, still the property of the town, is located, the original purpose to build a new house upon the “Factory” lot having been abandoned, and the “Factory” lot used as the location of the old town-house.

March 1, died, Ebenezer Mills, aged seventy-four years, a native of Lyndeborough.

During this year the Catholic church edifice on Souhegan

street was dedicated. The original building was erected in 1859, and enlarged in 1864.

1868.

July 16 was one of the hottest days of the century, 102°.

June 7, died, Leonard Chase, aged fifty-seven years.

December 7, died, William Darracott, aged sixty-nine years. He was a son of William Darracott, who died June 9, 1825, at the age of fifty-five years. William Darracott, Jr., was by nature a mechanic of unusual ability. In the earlier portion of his life he was a manufacturer of musical instruments, giving particular attention to the making of violins and larger instruments of the same kind. He was the first man to practise dentistry, as a profession, in Milford, commencing in 1843, and for several years was the only dentist in this vicinity. His well-stored mind, unusual readiness in conversation, and sympathetic nature, mitigated the discomforts of the dentist's chair.

At the annual town meeting Col. Thomas L. Livermore introduced a resolution in favor of the foundation of a public library. At the same meeting it was voted to sell the town farm. This farm was situated in the easterly part of the town, not far from the Amherst station and not far south of the road to Nashua. It was formerly called the Isaac Lund farm.

November 1, died, Mary Newton, aged eighty-two years.

May 1, Rev. Patrick Houlihan was placed in charge of the growing Catholic mission. His field of labor included the larger towns between Milford and Harrisville.

1869.

April 12 the town voted to buy the Hutchinson lot at an expense not exceeding eight thousand dollars, as the location of the new town-house. The lot was formerly known as the Dr. Fuller corner. A building committee, consisting of William Ramsdell, Clinton S. Averill, and Robert R. Howison, was appointed and work on the new house soon afterwards commenced. The corner stone of the new town-house was laid with Masonic ceremonies July 3. An address was delivered by Charles H. Burns, a native of the town.

The heaviest rainfall in this vicinity, of which we have any record, occurred on the 3d and 4th days of October, when seven and one quarter inches of water fell, doing a vast amount of damage to highways, bridges, dams, and mills. The Souhegan river reached the highest point ever known, the water standing more than a foot deep in the Wilton road at the Tucker place. The raging waters filled the arches of the stone bridge in the village to within one and one half feet of the highest point of the arch. It was estimated that seventy-five thousand feet of lumber stored above the bridge in the rear of the Baptist church was lost by the freshet. The suspension bridge in the village, the county bridge, and the railroad bridge near it were all badly damaged and needed extensive repairs. With few exceptions the small bridges in town were destroyed. The Souhegan Manufacturing Company's plant was damaged to the amount of twelve thousand dollars.

March 5, died, Francis J. French, aged fifty years. He carried on the tanning business for many years at the old French tannery, and afterwards upon the location of the tannery now occupied by A. J. Foster. The family is now represented by his son, W. F. French, the druggist, on the east side of the old common. With the exception of a very few years, the family has been represented in the business of the town for a century.

January 1, died, Isaac Howe, aged seventy-two years.

January 12, died, Eben Averill, aged eighty-five years.

February 17, died, Betsey Shaw, daughter of William Hopkins and widow of William Shaw, aged eighty-five years.

April 12, died, Mary G. Dickey, aged eighty-six years.

May 16, died, Briggs Ball, aged seventy-seven years.

September, died, Mary L. Hutchinson, aged eighty-three years.

#### 1870.

April 27, the new town-house was dedicated with appropriate exercises. The oration was delivered by George A. Ramsdell, a native of the town. A full account of the laying of the corner stone and the dedicatory ceremonies is given elsewhere.

January 25, died, Hezekiah Eldredge, aged seventy-two years. Dr. Eldredge was a practitioner of many years standing when he came to Milford, but lived here sufficiently long to

establish an enviable reputation as a citizen and physician. His second wife, with whom he lived during his residence in Milford, was Louisa Cushing Eastman, the eldest daughter of Dea. Cyrus Eastman of Amherst, a woman respected and beloved by all who knew her.

July 20, died, Sally Burns, daughter of David Duncklee, aged seventy-nine years.

During the year Right Reverend Bishop Bacon, of Portland, administered confirmation to many members of the Catholic congregation.

1871.

Robert M. Wallace was admitted to the bar in December and soon after became the law partner of Bainbridge Wadleigh. As the partner of Mr. Wadleigh, and afterwards alone, he continued the active practice of his profession until the summer of 1893, when he was appointed a judge of our supreme court. Biographical sketch elsewhere.

February 1 steps were taken by J. W. Pillsbury and others, which resulted in the organization of the present Unitarian society.

September 22, died, William Lovejoy, aged eighty-nine years. Born in Pepperell, Mass., but coming to town with his father at a tender age, he spent his life upon the original Lovejoy farm. In addition to farming operations, he was accustomed to contract for the building of highways in which he had a large experience.

April 11, died, James Searles, aged seventy-two years. He came from Methuen, Mass., in 1838, and became interested in the Milford Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing Company, with which corporation he remained until he purchased the farm now occupied by his son, Edwin D. Searles, on the Wilton road.

April 8, died, Rev. Humphrey Moore, D. D., in his ninety-third year.

April 17, died, Joseph Tucker, aged eighty-one years.

July 9, died, Martha Moore, daughter of Samuel Knowlton, aged ninety-eight years.

At the annual meeting the town adopted the statute authorizing the union of all the school districts, and from that time until the present there has been but one district in town. It



was also voted to pay \$108.12, the expense of a flag-staff, which had been erected upon the square.

1872.

Bridge across the Souhegan at Jones's crossing built to accommodate the travel before that time crossing the river by an ancient ford-way at the foot of Dram-cup hill. The ford-way was used by white men at least one hundred and thirty years, and by the Indians for an indefinite time before. Over the highway between the old ford-way and Dram-cup hill, a narrow passage way at best, has passed an immense tonnage of the products of the sea and land, and it was for many years a "war path" of no inconsiderable note. Colonel Goffe with his regiment on the 29th day of May, 1760, having camped the night before on what is now Union square, passed under the shadow of this hill on his way to Crown Point. One of Stark's three New Hampshire regiments at Bennington in 1777, commanded by Col. Moses Nichols of Amherst, and made up largely of men in this neighborhood, passed through this notch. Stephen Peabody who acted as aid to General Stark during this campaign, with rank of major, receiving information of his appointment but a few hours before Colonel Nichols commenced his march, probably joined the regiment at this ford-way.

Souhegan cotton factory burned in the month of April.

August 31, died, Daniel Coggin, aged eighty years. He was a native of Mont Vernon, but spent the last thirty years of his life in town.

At the annual meeting E. C. Batchelder, Timothy Kaley, and Abraham Fifield were appointed a committee to enclose the common or square as it was left after the removal of the old town-house.

January 3, died, Frederick Crosby, a grandson of the original settler of that name and with his brother, Freeman, a life-long occupant of the farm upon which his grandfather settled in 1753. In early life he was active in military matters, commanding one of the Milford companies, and was known through life as Captain Crosby. His first wife was the daughter of Abel Spalding. His second wife and the mother of his children was Rebecca Lund, the daughter of Stephen Lund of Merrimack. She sur-



vived her husband nearly twenty years, having her home during her widowhood with her children upon the farm which for so long a time had been her residence.

1873.

March 4 Bainbridge Wadleigh took his seat in the United States senate and continued to hold it until March, 1879.

By an act of the legislature a small tract of land at the south-east corner of Lyndeborough was taken from that town and annexed to Milford.

April 13, died, John Gutterson, aged seventy-eight years. He resided on a farm in the south-west part of the town, formerly occupied by his father, John Gutterson, Sen.

August 1, died, Freeman Hutchinson, aged sixty-nine years. He lived near the Osgood mill, and for many years owned and operated it.

May 3, died, Jacob Sargent, aged seventy-seven years. His residence was upon the Sargent farm, a little south of the Milford Medical Springs. His son, Daniel Sargent, occupied the homestead for a time, but is now a resident of California.

September 28, died, Pliny Whitney, aged eighty-six years. Mr. Whitney was born in Westminster, Mass., but came to Milford from Wilton, where he had been in business, in 1823. During the larger part of his active life he was engaged in trade. For a time he filled the office of deputy sheriff, and in this and in all other positions which he occupied, his executive ability was apparent. Mr. Whitney was a member of the Congregational church. The family is now represented in the business of the town by his son, Charles P. Whitney, the druggist of the firm of Kidder & Whitney.

September 9, died, Daniel Russell, aged seventy-eight years. (Sketch elsewhere.)

During the year, died, Sarah O. Averill, aged eighty-six years.

1874.

Baptist meeting-house built on South street at an expense, including all furnishings, of twenty-four thousand dollars.

During this year, by vote of the town, the streets were named.

April 4, died, Moses Foster, aged eighty-three years, the son

of the original settler of that name. Mr. Foster spent the early portion of his life on the Foster farm. During the latter portion of his life he lived in the village. Mr. Foster was a prominent member of the Baptist church and often served on important town committees, and occupied many positions of trust in connection with the settlement of estates.

April 27, died, Calvin Averill, aged eighty-five years, a grandson of the original settler, Ebenezer Averill. The larger part of his long and useful life was spent in the village. In connection with his brother, Elijah, an extensive lumber business was carried on. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church for many years.

March 21, died, Alfred Hutchinson, aged eighty-five years, a grandson of the original settler, Nathan Hutchinson. The larger part of his life was spent upon the original Hutchinson farm now owned by Edwin D. Searles. At the time of his decease he was living upon the Nashua road near East Milford station.

October 19, Souhegan bank robbed. The cashier, Frederick T. Sawyer, one of the most respected citizens of the town, was overpowered in his home upon the east side of the river, carried across the foot-bridge to the bank, and compelled to open its vaults. The following offer was made by Stephen C. Coburn, Daniel W. Sargent, and Robert A. Clark, selectmen of the town :

“Whereas, on the night of the 19th of last October, a band of armed and masked ruffians entered the dwelling-house of Frederick T. Sawyer, cashier of the Souhegan National Bank, gagged and bound him and other members of his family, and compelled him to aid them in robbing said bank : Now to render life and property more secure, protect the citizens in their rights, and preserve law and order, we, the selectmen, by virtue of a vote passed at the late adjourned annual town-meeting, instead of a reward of one thousand dollars, offered about that time, hereby offer a reward of three thousand dollars for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the six authors of this outrage, or a proportionate sum for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any member of the six desperadoes that perpetrated this crime.”

The bank also offered a reward of three thousand dollars.

February 10, died, Jonathan Towne, aged eighty-nine years, a grandson of the original settler of that name.

1875.

June 13, died, John Burns, son of Dea. Daniel Burns, aged seventy-three years. He commenced life as a farmer in the south-western part of the town upon the Brookline line. The buildings on his farm were long since destroyed. He spent many years in the village, owning the house south of the Congregational parsonage. With strong common sense and unyielding integrity, he was somewhat eccentric. He manufactured and sold many of the more simple remedies, and was familiarly called Dr. John Burns.

May 14, died, James J. Badger, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. Badger was born in the south-western part of the town in the Mile Slip territory where his emigrant ancestor settled, but died at his home on Elm street, where he had lived for several years.

1876.

The second convention called during the century to consider the revising of the constitution, assembled this year. The members of that body from this town were Isaac P. Abbott, Charles F. Fisk, Joseph Crosby.

This year completed the first century of our national existence. July 4th was made an especial holiday all over the country. The day was noticed in a modest way by the citizens of Milford. Sermons appropriate to the time were preached on the Sunday preceding the 4th. A world's fair, called the Centennial fair, was held during the summer and autumn at Philadelphia, to which all nations contributed. A very large number of the citizens of the town were visitors at this international exhibition.

July 1, Rev. E. E. Buckle became pastor of the Catholic mission.

1877.

October 21, Rev. A. M. Pendleton commenced to preach for the Unitarian church; he was also engaged to superintend the building of a church edifice.

During this year the old Baptist church was purchased by the Methodist society, and extensive improvements made thereon; whole cost about three thousand dollars. Services of dedication were held August 19.

December 23, died, Samuel D. Knowlton, aged seventy-eight years. His whole life was spent in town. His trade was that of a boot and shoe maker, in which he excelled.

August 16, died, Royal Hutchinson, aged eighty-six years. He resided upon the farm occupied at an earlier day by Jacob Adams.

January 5, died, Amos Peabody, son of the early settler, Aaron, aged ninety years. His residence was in the westerly part of the town, something like a mile north of the early family settlement.

April 4, died, Mary Towne, a granddaughter of the original settler, aged eighty-nine years.

May 28, died, Abel Spalding, aged seventy-seven years. His residence was upon the farm for many years occupied by his father, south of the Ramsdell homestead.

June 29, died, Levi McIntire, a native of Fitchburg, Mass. He became a resident of town in middle life, locating upon the farm now owned by Timothy Holland, on the Wilton road. He was a good farmer, but after following that occupation a few years he took up his residence in the village, where he died. Mr. McIntire was free in the expression of his opinions upon all subjects, and was respected as an honest and upright citizen.

October 9, died, Daniel Larrabee, aged eighty-one years.

1878.

October 21, died, Rufus Crosby, aged eighty-two years. He came to Milford from Billerica when a young man and settled upon the farm on the north side of the river opposite Jones's crossing, now occupied by his son and his grandson.

October 10, died, Franklin Hutchinson, aged eighty-three years. His residence was in the "Osgood Village," opposite the residence of his brother, Henry.

February 10, died, Maria A. Ramsdell, aged seventy-four years, eldest daughter of Rev. Humphrey Moore, the wife of William Ramsdell, and the mother of the historian, by whom a brief memoir has recently been prepared for private circulation.



April 3, there was a gathering in the town hall of the inhabitants of the town above fifty years of age. Friendly greetings were exchanged in Eagle hall, where the company first gathered. At noon, led by the Milford Cornet band, a procession was formed and the whole party repaired to the new town hall. Hon. Timothy Kaley presided at the dinner. J. W. Pillsbury acted as toast-master. Responses were made by Daniel Putnam, John E. Foster, Mrs. L. Harris, Samuel Lovejoy, William Ramsdell, John Mills, Timothy Kaley, Mrs. Almon Booth, Moses Proctor, Jonathan Snow, George W. Burns. Poems were read by J. W. Pillsbury and Mrs. J. Harris.

Asa Merrill, the first child born in Milford after its incorporation, was called on to rise and was received with prolonged cheers. Mrs. Clausia Towne, the oldest woman living in Milford, aged eighty-eight years, received a like reception. Dea. John E. Foster reported the whole number present, above the age of fifty years, 289: Between fifty and sixty, 115; sixty and seventy, 104; seventy and eighty, 57; eighty and ninety, 12; over ninety, 1.

The poems by Mrs. Harris and Mr. Pillsbury were well received and might with propriety be reproduced here did space permit. In his response to a toast, Samuel Lovejoy said:

"My father with his family moved to town in 1794, bringing them in an ox-cart. We lived in what is now Osgood district, in which there were, in 1810, thirteen framed and three log houses. Most of the travelling was done in ox-carts, there being but two two-wheeled carriages in town. They generally went to mill on horseback. Barrels of rum were drank in those days; ministers and mourners used it freely at funerals. Ministers' salaries ranged from three hundred to four hundred dollars a year. I remember a school-teacher who tied up her future husband in the stanchions of a barn and flogged him."

1879.

June 10, died, Thomas Benton Dearborn, M. D., a native of Northfield, and an accomplished physician and surgeon, at the age of forty years. For fifteen years he had a large practice in this and adjoining towns.

February 10, died, Joel Barker, aged eighty-four years. His



grandfather, Nehemiah Barker, was the first settler on the farm now owned by M. F. Foster, and was succeeded in the ownership of that farm by his son, Joel Barker, the father of the subject of this notice, whose residence was not on the Barker homestead, but on a farm nearly one half mile to the west.

January 6, died, Mrs. Hannah Wallace, aged seventy-nine years. She was the widow of Royal Wallace, whom she survived a full half century, and the granddaughter of Benjamin French, the first of the family in Milford. She was a woman of remarkable strength and beauty of character. Her sons, Charles R. and William R., were many years engaged in trade in town, and both acted as clerks of the town for long terms. Her daughter, Harriet, is the wife of Rev. William G. Tuttle, now of Worcester, Mass. Her residence during the half century of her widowhood was upon the south side of the common.

March 13, died, Lucy Towne, aged eighty-three years.

March 28, died, Abigail Hutchinson, aged eighty-two years.

March 28, died, Mrs. Abby Hutchinson, aged eighty-two years.

November 1, died, Betsey Bills, aged eighty-two years.

July 28, died, Mrs. Josephine M. Ellis, aged seventy-one years. Mrs. Ellis was the second child of Rev. Humphrey Moore, and received under his instruction and in the schools at that time available, a good education. In early life she became the wife of Rev. John M. Ellis, a native of Jaffrey. Soon after their marriage they took up their residence in the west. Mr. Ellis's health becoming impaired so that he could not perform the hard work which he had taken upon himself as a home missionary and a founder of schools and colleges, they returned to New England, Mr. Ellis taking a pastorate at Hanover, and Mrs. Ellis at the same place opening a young ladies' school which she conducted successfully for several years. They afterwards took up their residence in Nashua, where Mrs. Ellis again became the principal of a young ladies' select school. Mr. Ellis died August 6, 1855, and his widow at once returned to her father's house, where she remained until her decease. Mrs. Ellis was one of the many noble women born and reared in this town.

1880.

April 18, died, Asa Burns, of the fourth generation from John Burns, the original settler, aged eighty-two years. His farm in the south-west part of the town is now occupied by Michael Holland.

June 19, died, Reed Dutton, aged seventy-seven years, a resident of Milford nearly forty years. He owned and occupied the stone house on Nashua street. In the earlier part of his life he was engaged in the manufacture and sale of clocks, in which business he accumulated a competence. In the latter part of his life he cultivated the land which he owned in connection with his residence.

November 10, died, Joseph Duncklee, aged eighty-one years. For several years after his marriage he resided on a small farm in the southerly part of the town between Dea. John E. Foster's and George E. Clark's; afterwards for many years he resided in the village. His wife was the daughter of Joseph Burns, and he spent some years during the latter part of his life upon the Joseph Burns place.

May 14, died, Dea. Robert Knight, aged eighty years. Born in Hancock, he spent the larger part of his life in town; by trade he was a cabinet maker, doing considerable business in that line, and at one time having Leonard Chase as a partner. He was for many years a deacon in the Congregational church.

June 2, died, Hezekiah Hamblett, aged eighty-six years. His first wife was Elizabeth Lovejoy, daughter of Stephen Lovejoy of Amherst; his second wife, Mary Towne, daughter of Jonathan Towne of Milford. He came to Milford in middle life and remained until the time of his decease. He was an active member of the Baptist church and a substantial citizen of his adopted town. His son, Hezekiah P. Hamblett, was for many years the village watchmaker and a musician of much prominence. His son, Joel W. Hamblett, who became a citizen of the town at the time his father took up his residence here, married a daughter of Willard Kendall, and is still living, having been engaged during his life here in the business of making and selling boots and shoes. His great-grandson, Charles J. Hamblett, is now (1896) a prominent lawyer in Nashua.

January 4, died, Michael Dillon, a native of Ireland, aged eighty-seven years.

1881.

A remarkable day much like the memorable dark day in May, 1780, occurred September 6. A peculiar yellowish color of the sky was noticed during the forenoon that increased in such intensity that at noon it was necessary to use artificial lights in houses and places of business. The darkness began to abate at about five o'clock P. M. The vapor or smoke at times was so intense as to wholly obscure the sun. At intervals it was visible and appeared of a deep red color. Lamps and fires when lighted shone with a perfectly white light, and the green foliage of the trees and grass was intensified in color, and presented a singular appearance.

Carl E. Knight, a native of New Hampton and a graduate of Dartmouth college, opened his law office in December and is now in active practice.

Timothy Kaley elected a member of the state senate and re-elected in 1882.

December 10, died, David Goodwin, the town historian. His residence was upon Federal hill, upon a portion of the farm occupied by his father. He was not only a farmer and mechanic, but had much literary taste and culture.

February 9, died, Hiram A. Daniels, aged seventy years. He came to Milford from Manchester in 1844, and was a resident of the town for more than thirty years, during which time he held all the important offices in town, and discharged the duties of the same with fidelity and ability. He was by training a cotton manufacturer; was at one time agent of the old cotton factory, and afterwards agent of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company, which positions he filled to the satisfaction of those interested. He was at one time cashier of the Souhegan bank and afterwards president. He was also for several years treasurer of the Milford savings bank. Mr. Daniels was self-made, but an educated man, and a frequent contributor to the press of inspiring articles in the line of temperance, agriculture, and general education.

May 6, died, Andrew Fuller, aged fifty years. He was a

native of Needham, Mass.; he came to Milford while a young man and married Harriet A., youngest daughter of Samuel D. Knowlton. For many years he did a large business manufacturing looking-glass frames, picture frames, and other articles of the same general character.

August 28, died, David Hutchinson, one of the "tribe of Jesse," aged seventy-eight years.

September 16, Joel Jewett died, aged seventy-seven years. He came from Temple in 1856, and settled upon the original David Goodwin farm.

June 28, died, Ezekiel Mills, aged eighty-one years. Born in Mont Vernon, he spent the larger part of his life in town, a much respected citizen, serving the town as tax collector for fourteen consecutive years.

April 27, died, Lydia H. Burnham, aged eighty-seven years.

August 11, died, Susannah Stearns, aged ninety-two years.

March 31, died, Daniel Putnam, aged seventy-six years. A sketch of his useful life appears elsewhere.

#### 1882.

September 26, died, Isaac Burns, of the fourth generation from the original John Burns, aged eighty-three years. He spent the larger part of his life in the south-westerly part of the town, on the farm now owned by John J. Savage, but some twenty years before his decease he removed to the Moses Burns farm, where he was born and where he died.

November 3, died, George W. Came, aged seventy-four years. He came from Massachusetts at the early age of twelve years. He married the daughter of Joseph Knowlton and resided upon the Knowlton farm, which in process of time as the village extended became covered with residences to a considerable extent.

May 31, died, Edwin Smith, aged seventy-five years. He came from Manchester in 1847, and was a mechanic by trade, and for many years a machinist in what is now the Morse, Kaley & Co. mill.

May 4, died, David W. Hall, a native of the town and a mason by trade, aged eighty-six years.

September 8, died, Hon. Timothy Kaley, aged sixty-five years.



Mary Davis, widow of Joshua Davis, at the age of ninety-two years, and Jeremiah Hood at the age of eighty-one years, died during the year.

1883.

According to the record kept by Hon. William L. Foster of Concord, the average annual rainfall for the twenty-five preceding years had been 32.85 inches and the annual snowfall, six feet, eight inches.

January 25, died, Rebecca A. Knight, the venerable widow of Dea. Robert Knight, at the age of eighty-three years. Deacon Knight and his wife for many years resided and had their home on the north side of Garden street at its junction with Union street.

March 10, died, John Rand, aged seventy-seven years. Mr. Rand for a long time occupied the farm in the north-westerly part of the town near the river, at the junction of the Wilton and Mont Vernon roads.

September 12, died, Nathan Ballard Gutterson, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Gutterson was of the original Gutterson stock, residing in the south-westerly part of the town, near the residence of his brother, Amos.

1884.

November 9, died, John B. Hutchinson, aged seventy-eight years. His residence was in the southerly part of the town, upon the farm now occupied by his grandson, John B. Burtt.

February 18, died, Abel Chase, aged sixty-nine years. At the time of his decease he was a deacon in the Congregational church. In the earlier part of his life he was active in the state militia, at one time holding the commission of major in his regiment. His widow, the daughter of Adam Dickey, one of the early promoters of cotton manufacturing in Milford, survived him a few years. He was for some time a member of the firm of Putnam, Chase & Co., and interested in the extensive business of that enterprising firm. Few men have been more universally respected and beloved than Major or Deacon Abel Chase. He had no children.

March 23, died, Dea. Freeman Crosby, aged eighty-six years.



With his twin brother, Capt. Frederick Crosby, he spent his life upon the farm on the Wilton road, which his grandfather, Capt. Josiah Crosby, purchased in 1753. He was for many years a respected officer in the Congregational church. His first wife was the daughter of Joseph Crosby. His second wife was the widow of Euclid Moore, and daughter of James Hartshorn, who at one time resided in Milford, but was a resident of Nashua at the time of his decease.

August 25, died, Mary A. Hay, a sister of William Hay, aged eighty-four years.

August 3, died, Joel H. Gutterson, aged seventy years. Mr. Gutterson spent the larger part of his life upon his farm in the south-western part of the town. He operated for many years a sawmill in connection with his farm, at which at one time a large business was done.

October 13, died, George H. Whitney, aged eighty years. Mr. Whitney was not a native of the town, but soon after his marriage to Evelyn Tyler, the daughter of Crawford Tyler, he became a citizen. Mrs. Whitney died a short time after her husband's decease, at the age of sixty-seven years.

November 13, died, Moses Proctor, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Proctor was born in Hollis, but spent a large part of his life in Massachusetts, coming to Milford when past middle life and locating on the farm on the Wilton road so long occupied by Joseph Tucker. He was a good farmer and a good citizen.

1885.

Dr. W. H. W. Hinds elected a member of the state senate for two years.

May 24, died, Stillman Hutchinson, aged seventy-three years, a grandson of Elisha Hutchinson. He lived upon the farm cleared by his grandfather, in the north-western part of the town.

January 16, died, Nancy Knowlton, aged eighty-eight years.

January 13, died, John G. Raymond, aged sixty-eight years, a native of Mont Vernon, but for many years previous to his death a blacksmith in town.

April 14, died, Asa Wetherbee, a native of New Boston, but for many years a resident here, aged eighty-three years.

June 9, died, Mary Wright, aged ninety-four years.

November 14, died, Spencer Guild, aged sixty-five years. Mr. Guild was a native of Vermont, but spent the larger part of his business life in Milford. Previous to his coming to Milford, Leonard J. Wilson, a son of Purser Joseph Wilson of the United States navy, who for some years owned and occupied the Rossiter farm, opened the first drug store in town. Mr. Wilson remained in business but a year or two and was succeeded by Mr. Guild, who continued the business for several years. As the proprietor of the drug store and in the other branches of business in which he engaged, he commended himself to his townsmen as a painstaking business man and a good citizen. He was a member of the Congregational church. His son, William M. Guild, is the clerk in the Milford savings bank.

1886.

July 6, died, Joseph Clark, aged eighty-six years. He was born on the original Clark farm. In 1835 he established himself and passed the remainder of his life upon the farm now owned by his son, Edward H. Clark, in the southerly part of the town. Mr. Clark and his brother, Rufus, were unobtrusive, but valued citizens, and worthy members of the Baptist church.

February 20, died, James Johnson, aged eighty-nine years. He was a son of the early settler, Daniel Johnson, a part of whose farm bordered upon the old Brookline road. Upon this part James built a house, in which he resided until he moved into the village and settled in the house before that time occupied by Lieut. Oliver Spalding, upon Elm street, near the stone blacksmith shop. His wife was the daughter of Nathan Hall. His daughter, Caroline, was the second wife of Robert R. Howison.

March 8, died, Gilbert Wadleigh, aged sixty-five years.

April 9, died, Willard Kendall, a native of Hollis, aged seventy-nine years. He was the owner of a farm in the south-west part of the town, which he cultivated successfully many years. The farm is now occupied by his son, Charles L. Kendall.

May 23, died, John G. Dillon, a native of Ireland, aged one hundred years, eleven months, two days.

June 3, died, Nehemiah Holt, aged eighty-three years. Mr.

Holt was a stonecutter by trade and for many years preceding his decease occupied the dwelling on Elm street, which has recently been converted into the Endicott House, having been sold for that purpose by his daughter, Eliza Ann Holt. Mr. Holt was a useful citizen and at one time a member of the board of selectmen.

November 7, died, Holland Prouty, aged seventy-five years. In his younger days Mr. Prouty was a stage-driver, and for several years was employed on the line between Nashua and the towns to the west. He afterwards became a part owner in the line. He was also at one time the owner of a livery stable in the village. He married a daughter of the late Reuben Hutchinson, and for many years before his decease owned and occupied the Holland Hopkins farm, on the Wilton road near Jones's Crossing.

November 20, died, Thomas W. Gillis, aged eighty years. Mr. Gillis was a native of Deering, and one of a large family, several of whom attained distinction in the business world. Mr. Gillis, as a young man, located in Nashua, obtaining employment in the extensive works of the Nashua Manufacturing Company. In time he rose to the position of agent of this large industry, and continued to fill it for many years, during which time he was elected to many local political offices, including that of mayor of the city of Nashua. His first wife was the daughter of Dr. Robert Fuller of this town; his second wife, the sister of the venerable widow of Humphrey Moore. Upon the decease of Dr. Moore in 1871, Mr. Gillis removed to Milford with his family, where the last fifteen years of his life were spent. His widow and one daughter are now living in town, the latter the wife of Carl E. Knight, Esq.

1887.

December 18, died, Solon Kimball, aged seventy-eight years, a resident since 1848.

March 3, died, Reuben Hutchinson, known for many years as Reuben Hutchinson, Jr., aged seventy-two years. Mr. Hutchinson was a descendant of Nathan Hutchinson, the original settler. I am told by one of his sons now living in town that Reuben Hutchinson, Sen., often related to his descendants that,

when a small boy, he was taken by his father to the large rock which is the south-western boundary of the Charlestown School Farm, and there given a serious whipping as a life-long reminder that that particular rock was the south-west bound of that particular tract of land.

May 15, died, Zalmon Smith, aged eighty years.

June 25, died, Sarah W. Barker, aged eighty-eight years.

July 19, died, William Gilson, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Gilson was a native of Brookline and resided there until he was past middle life, when he removed to Milford and became the owner of the sawmill on the north side of the river, so long known as Shepard's mill. Mr. Gilson was in Milford what he had been in Brookline, a prominent citizen and a successful business man. One of his sons, Henry S. Gilson, succeeded him in the ownership of the mill. A daughter, Juliette H. Gilson, graduated at Mt. Holyoke seminary and spent several years as a missionary in South Africa. Called home by the death of her father, she pursued a thorough course of theological study and is under appointment (December, 1895) to return to Africa as a missionary. Miss Gilson is an unusually effective speaker and has given lectures upon mission subjects in many places in New England since her return from Africa.

August 12, died, Nathaniel Stone, aged eighty-one years.

August 21, died, Mrs. Hannah Hutchinson, a daughter of Benjamin Hopkins and a descendant of the original settler, Benjamin Hopkins, aged ninety-seven years.

September 11, died, Peter Burns, aged eighty-nine years.

The Milford Water Works Company chartered by the legislature.

## 1888.

November 20, the Congregational church celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its organization.

June 15, Unitarian church dedicated.

February 13, died, Timothy G. Temple, aged eighty-two years.

March 2, died, Emri Clark, aged seventy-eight years.

April 8, died, John D. Cochran, a native of New Boston, aged eighty-four years.



May 20, died, Joseph Nichols, a native of Hillsborough, aged eighty-seven years.

June 2, died, Israel L. Worcester, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Worcester was born in Massachusetts; removed from Greenfield, N. H., and became a citizen of this town in 1852, settling upon the northern slope of Federal hill. His son, George A. Worcester, is chairman and a most efficient member of the committee upon the town history.

September 18, died, Lowell Harris, aged eighty-six years. Mr. Harris came from Nelson late in life. His wife, who survived him, was a daughter of the late Moses Burns.

November 14, died, Edmund Green, an aged resident of the north-west part of the town, aged eighty-six years.

1889.

July 17, died, George W. Burns, aged seventy-five years, of the fourth generation from the original settler, John Burns. In the early part of his life he resided upon the Moses Burns farm, but later became a resident of the village, where he carried on a large lumber business, building many houses and having extensive contracts with railroads for ties and fencing materials. During the latter years of his life his business was largely carried on in the town of Bennington, where in addition to his business in lumber, he for a time manufactured powder.

March 22, died, Dea. Moses French, aged seventy-one years. Mr. French came from Nashua to take the agency of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company, which he held for several years. He afterwards was engaged in extensive lumbering operations. At the time of his decease he held the office of deacon in the Congregational church.

January 2, the third convention called during the century for the revision of the state constitution, met at Concord. Robert M. Wallace and William W. Howard were the delegates from this town. Among other amendments submitted to the people by this convention, was an amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes. The vote was taken in town meeting—for the amendment, 224 votes; against the amendment, 186 votes.

At the annual town meeting it was voted to rebuild the foot



bridge across the Souhegan river at the foot of Maple street, at an expense of thirty-five hundred dollars.

October 27, died, William Ramsdell, aged eighty-six years. He came to Milford from Salem, Mass., with his father when twelve years old, and had his home upon the farm on the Wilton road for seventy-five years.

February 21, died, Abraham Fifield, aged eighty-two years.

February 28, died, Jonathan Snow, aged seventy-six years. Mr. Snow was a resident on the northerly slope of Federal hill, was moderator of the annual town meeting in 1878, and often contributed communications to the newspapers of his day.

April 4, died, Joel W. Duncklee, aged eighty years. Mr. Duncklee was long a resident with his brother, Porter Duncklee, upon Federal hill, often called Duncklee hill from the fact that an old and prominent family of the name settled upon it at a very early day in the history of the town. In addition to his business as a farmer, Mr. Duncklee in the earlier part of his life spent the autumn of each year in threshing by horse-power the English grain of the farmers in Milford and vicinity. For many years he was the leading auctioneer in town and was at one time a member of the board of selectmen.

August 20, died, Justus Gutterson, son of Jacob Gutterson, aged seventy-three years.

April 13, died, Luke Smith, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Smith was a native of Acworth, for twenty years a resident of New Boston and of Milford subsequent to 1854. During his residence in New Boston he was the owner of a saw, grist, and shingle mill. After he became a citizen of Milford, he confined himself principally to the care of his productive farm on the Wilton road, for many years known as the Farwell place. His son, George L., became a resident of Louisiana about the time of the breaking out of the war in 1861. He served in the house of national representatives and also as collector for the port of New Orleans. His son, Charles H. V., who has succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm, has recently erected upon land purchased by him on the side of the road opposite to his farm buildings, a dwelling-house and other buildings, which compare favorably with any similar structures in the county.

September 6, died, Isaac P. Abbott, aged sixty-three years,

a member of the constitutional convention in 1876, and of the legislature in 1877 and 1878.

March 19, died, Samuel B. Cotton, a member of the legislature in 1879, aged sixty-nine years.

October 25, died, Ezra M. Gay, aged eighty-nine years. For a long time engaged in cotton manufacturing, he continued the business on becoming a citizen of Milford in middle life. Mr. Gay had no desire for political position or, in fact, any place of prominence in business affairs. He was a quiet but good citizen, and by good management and economy, accumulated the largest estate ever gathered in Milford. His only son, Ezra M. Gay, remains a citizen of the town.

#### 1890.

Cemetery near East Milford station laid out.

Catholic church on Amherst street erected.

January 24, died, Rodney Hutchinson, aged seventy-seven years, a great-grandson of the original settler, Nathan.

February 20, died, Nathan Jewett, aged eighty-three years. A native of Amherst, he lived the greater part of his life in our village. He was for many years town sexton.

February 12, Mrs. Clarissa Towne, widow of Jonathan Towne, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth. She died on the 2d day of November, the eighty-first anniversary of the day of her marriage, having attained the great age of one hundred years, eight months, and twenty-one days. Mrs. Towne was not only remarkable as a centenarian, but as the possessor in large measure of those qualities of head and heart which have in so many instances distinguished the daughters, wives, and mothers of New England.

December 1, died, Samuel Ames, for more than half a century a resident of the town, aged eighty years.

December 1, died, Nathan C. Wheeler, a native of Lyndeborough, but for the larger part of his life a resident of this town, aged eighty-six years.

June 18, died, George Hartshorn, a native of Lyndeborough, but for many years a substantial farmer in the north-west part of the town, aged seventy-five years.

January 24, died, Rodney K. Hutchinson, son of Alfred

Hutchinson and a descendant of the original settler, Nathan Hutchinson, aged seventy-seven years.

September 4, died, Joshua Foster, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Foster came from Temple to Milford when past the prime of life and here spent the declining years of a long and useful life.

TAX LIST, 1890.

Frank I. Abbott,  
George A. Abbott,  
C. A. Adams,  
E. T. Adams,  
Mrs. J. P. Adams,  
Charles F. Alexander,  
Alfonzo Allen,  
George F. Ames,  
George L. Ames,  
Samuel Ames,  
Mrs. T. Amsden,  
Charles S. Anderson,  
F. C. Anderson,  
George Anderson,  
James W. Anderson,  
Mrs. R. C. Anderson,  
John Appleton,  
Elmer E. Armstrong,  
Elmer F. Armstrong,  
George D. Armstrong,  
James R. Ashton,  
Fred Austin,  
Henry W. Austin,  
Calvin H. Averill,  
Clinton S. Averill,  
George A. Avery,  
Lucy A. Badger,  
Charles L. Bailey,  
George A. Bailey,  
John R. Bailey,  
Alma F. Baker,  
H. S. Baker,  
Sidney Baker,  
Mrs. E. Balch,  
George H. Balcom,  
George Ballone,  
Henry H. Barber,  
Mrs. A. J. Barker,

Frank A. Barker,  
Fred W. Barnes,  
Edwin W. Barrett,  
B. M. Barron,  
Charles C. Bartlett,  
Clara C. Bartlett,  
Edward E. Bartlett,  
Fred B. Bartlett,  
George F. Bartlett,  
Gustavus Bartlett,  
Herbert L. Bartlett,  
John M. Bartlett,  
Person Bartlett,  
Ralph C. Bartlett,  
P. Bartlett & Son,  
E. C. Batchelder,  
George Batchelder,  
Reuben Batchelder,  
Benjamin Bedell,  
Joseph Begin,  
E. L. Berry,  
Mrs. Kate Berry,  
John Bidwell,  
L. C. Billings,  
Mrs. L. C. Billings,  
Jason W. Bills,  
W. J. Bills,  
Elvin Bishop,  
Henry Bishop,  
John Bishop,  
John B. Bishop,  
Thomas Bishop,  
John Bitany,  
William Bitany,  
Daniel Bizzel,  
E. B. Blake,  
George Blanche,  
Bradley Blanchard,

Chase Blanchard & Co.,  
Fred D. Blanchard,  
John Blanchard,  
Lewis Blodgett,  
Fred H. Bodwell,  
J. Boliver,  
Edward A. Bond,  
Almon Booth,  
Orvilla Bouford,  
George H. Boutelle,  
Mrs. Mary L. Boyles,  
James F. Boynton,  
Boynton & Cragin,  
Calvin H. Bradford,  
John Bragg Est.,  
James A. Brahaney,  
Mrs. Margaret Brahaney,  
John J. Brennan,  
Timothy Bresnehan,  
A. P. Brigham,  
Robert Brooks,  
Arthur Brown,  
J. A. Brown,  
N. F. Brown,  
Nelson H. Brown,  
William Brown,  
W. G. Brown,  
John E. Bruce,  
Cornelius Buckley,  
Joseph Buford,  
Harriet Bullard,  
Arthur Bunker,  
Frank Burbee,  
Joseph Burbee,  
J. Burbee,  
Edwin C. Burdick,  
J. M. Burdick,  
Mrs. J. M. Burdick,  
Cyrus P. Burke,  
J. J. Burke,  
Michael Burke,  
Almos J. Burnham,  
Dexter S. Burnham,  
Milo R. Burnham,  
Mrs. Moses Burnham,  
W. W. Burnham,  
Daniel W. Burns,

Eli S. Burns,  
Elmer J. Burns,  
Elmer B. Burns,  
George F. Burns,  
Mrs. George W. Burns,  
Herbert Burns,  
James M. Burns,  
Jason T. Burns,  
John Burns,  
John M. Burns,  
J. T. & E. B. Burns,  
Luther M. Burns,  
Mrs. Lucinda H. Burns,  
Mrs. Mary A. Burns,  
Thomas Burns,  
William Burns,  
Willis H. Burns,  
John B. Burt.  
W. J. D. Burt,  
John P. Butler,  
Daniel T. Buttrick,  
Henry C. Buxton,  
Andrew Cain,  
B. Callahan & Son,  
John Callahan,  
P. J. Callahan,  
P. V. Callahan,  
Uly Cambell,  
B. R. Came,  
C. B. Came,  
Mrs. C. B. Came,  
Dennis Canfield,  
A. E. Carlton,  
Isaac H. Carlton,  
Charles T. Carter,  
Mrs. Thomas Carter,  
John Casey,  
J. J. Casey,  
William Casey,  
George M. Center,  
A. E. Chase,  
Hannah Chase,  
Horace Chase,  
Mrs. H. M. Chase,  
Henry A. Chase,  
William I. Chase,  
Alexander Cheyne,



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 Jesse O. Chickering.  
 Sophia E. Chickering,  
 Alonzo R. Clarke,  
 Edward H. Clarke,  
 George E. Clarke,  
 Mary M. F. Clarke,  
 Mrs. Nancy G. Clarke,  
 Robert A. Clarke,  
 Rufus Clarke,  
 Mrs. H. L. Cleaves,  
 William Cleaves,  
 James A. Clifford,  
 Calvin Coburn,  
 Stephen C. Coburn,  
 Stephen C. Coburn, Jr.,  
 H. C. Cochran,  
 Abel A. Coffin,  
 Everett B. Coffin,  
 Jason L. Coffin,  
 George W. Colburn,  
 Mary J. Colburn,  
 William P. Colburn,  
 Charles C. Colby,  
 Mrs. Charles Colby,  
 Cyrus P. Colby,  
 George A. Conant,  
 John Conley,  
 George E. Connor,  
 Michael Connor,  
 Michael Connor,  
 Joanna Connor,  
 Thomas Connell,  
 Frank S. Conrey,  
 Rufus Converse,  
 John F. Court,  
 James T. Courier,  
 Edward Cousins,  
 Abel C. Crosby,  
 Abbie E. Crosby,  
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 Frank A. Crosby,  
 George Crosby,  
 John W. Crosby,  
 J. Fitch Crosby,  
 Joseph Crosby,

M. F. Crosby,  
 William A. Crosby,  
 Walter Cullen,  
 Joseph Cullenhan,  
 James Currier,  
 Levi Curtis,  
 Elber R. Cutts,  
 James Dalton,  
 John Dame,  
 Mrs. C. A. Daniels,  
 Mrs. David L. Daniels,  
 John Daniels,  
 George L. Darracott,  
 Hamilton P. Darracott,  
 F. J. Day,  
 Darius S. Dearborn,  
 Mrs. Kate L. Dearborn,  
 James T. Dillon,  
 John D. Dillon,  
 Patrick Dillon,  
 P. O. B. Dillon,  
 Thomas Dillon,  
 W. F. Dillon,  
 Charles B. Dodge,  
 William W. Dodge,  
 John Doherty,  
 Peter Dolan,  
 John F. Donahue,  
 Harvey W. Donaghy,  
 Edward M. Donnelly,  
 John Dormady,  
 L. B. Dow,  
 James Doyle,  
 Patrick Doyle,  
 Peter Duby,  
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 John Ducey,  
 James Duffer,  
 David Dumant,  
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 Alfred Duval,

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Frank P. Elliott,  
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Charles S. Emerson,  
Willis K. Emerson,  
Emerson & Ware,  
Henry D. Epps,  
Fred Estey,  
American Express,  
Frank Fairfield,  
Fred W. Farnsworth,  
Lucy B. Farnsworth,  
Thomas Farnsworth,  
Fred Farwell,  
James H. Fay,  
H. A. Felch,  
Mark C. Felch,  
Preston Felch,  
Edwin Fessenden,  
George C. Fessenden,  
Joshua E. Fields,  
Edward Finerty,  
Martin Finerty,  
George W. Fish,  
Asa J. Fisher,  
Joel H. Fisher,  
Joseph H. Fisher,  
Phineas G. Fisher,  
Charles F. Fiske,  
Chester C. Fitch,  
Isabella A. B. Fitch,  
John A. Fitch,  
Walker R. Fitch,  
Mrs. Walker R. Fitch,  
James Fitzgerald,  
Dennis Fitzgerald,  
Thomas Fitzpatrick,  
Bridget Flannagan,  
Dennis Foley,  
Humphrey Foley,  
Walter Follett,  
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Charles W. French,  
Elvira M. French,  
Frank B. French,  
Mrs. Leonard French,  
William F. French,  
John B. Fretts,  
James E. Frost,  
Mrs. A. P. Frye,  
Frank B. Frye,  
Timothy H. Frye,  
Mrs. H. A. Fuller,  
Samuel Fuller,  
Omer Gagne,  
Dennis Gainey,  
Daniel Gainey,  
John Gainey,  
John Gambrell,  
Charles H. Gault,  
Ezra M. Gay,  
Antoine Geauthier,  
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James Gibson,  
George W. Gibson,  
John H. Giles,  
John Gillis,  
William H. Gillis,  
Alice L. Gilson,  
Harriet M. Gilson,  
H. Juliette Gilson,  
Henry S. Gilson,  
Mrs. H. W. Gilson,  
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George L. Goodale,  
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1891.

January 1, Rev. A. J. Rich began his ministry in connection with the Unitarian church.



John McLane elected to the state senate and made president of that body.

At the annual town meeting the selectmen were authorized to appoint a committee to prepare and publish a history of the town of Milford.

February 7, died, Edwin Willoughby, aged seventy-six years. A native of Hollis, he became a resident of Milford in early life. He is remembered by many as a peddler of tin, wooden, and other wares, and was regarded as a thoroughly honest, upright man.

May 3, died, Elizabeth H. Putnam, the venerable widow of Daniel Putnam, aged eighty-three years. A native of Newburyport, Mass., she had had her home in Milford for more than half a century.

May 4, died, Loami B. Ward, aged seventy-eight years.

September 22, died, Lydia C. Tucker, widow of Joseph Tucker, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years.

October 13, died, Mary R. Russell, aged eighty-six years, daughter of Capt. William Ramsdell and widow of Daniel Russell. When Mrs. Russell, at the age of ten years, with the other members of her father's family, entered the house upon the Ramsdell homestead to establish a home in Milford in 1815, the family were welcomed by Joseph Tucker and his wife who were temporarily in charge of the farm. It is something of a coincidence that these venerable women, friends and neighbors for three quarters of a century, should pass away so nearly together.

Town authorized by act of the legislature to enlarge and extend the water works, to the ownership of which it had succeeded.

During the year, Rev. Father Buckle was transferred to Nashua and the Catholic Mission was placed in charge of Rev. Father P. L. McEvoy.

1892.

April 28, Rev. H. P. Peck installed pastor of the Congregational church.

December 1, Rev. F. L. Knapp installed pastor of the Baptist church.

April 17, Unitarian society reorganized into a church.

September 19, died, John P. Adams, aged eighty-seven years.





EMERSON & SON, BRICK BLOCK.

Born in the northwesterly part of the town. In middle life he opened a shop upon the river bank west of the old brick school-house, in which he carried on the business of a barber. He was a mechanic, and in connection with his principal business spent his odd moments in repairing the broken toys of children and the tools and implements of older people. In addition to all this, he at times had several boats upon the river for the accommodation of people wishing to hire the same. The boys and girls attending the old brick school have a tender recollection of "Johnny" Adams, as he was then called.

January 10, died, Rufus Clark, aged eighty-six years. After surrendering the original Clark farm to his son, Alonzo R., he became the owner of the farm on Federal hill, now the estate of his son, George E. Clark.

March 6, died, John Mills, aged eighty-two years. Born in Mt. Vernon, he became a citizen of Milford before he was thirty years old. He was the pioneer in the manufacture of boots and shoes, upon an extensive scale, in Milford. For many years he was in partnership with James Lewis, under the firm name of Mills & Lewis, and for a time William Lane was connected with the business under the firm name of Mills, Lewis & Lane. The goods manufactured by these firms were of the best quality and were sold in all parts of the country.

June 28, dedication of the new library building. Address by Governor Greenhalge of Massachusetts.

February 3, died, Thomas Williams, aged ninety-one years, seven months. He was born in Amherst, but came to Milford at an early age. A farmer by occupation. He was the last of ten children.

January 11, died, John Daniels, a native of Brookline, but for the larger part of his life a resident of Milford, aged seventy-seven years. In the early part of his life he was a farmer in the south-westerly part of the town. At the time the Souhegan Manufacturing Company's mill was burned in 1872, he was a resident of the village, and soon after became the owner of all the water power and real estate of that corporation and continued to hold it for many years.

January 16, died, Recta Wright Hutchinson, widow of John B. Hutchinson, aged eighty-eight years.



January 29, died, Luther Pearson, a life-long resident of the town, aged eighty years.

May 23, died, Joseph Crosby, aged eighty-two years. A descendant of the original Crosby settler. He seems to have cared but little for public office, yet his name is found as one of the three delegates of the town to the Constitutional Convention of 1876.

May 27, died, Susan E. Pearson, widow of Diamond Pearson, aged eighty-five years.

June 2, died, Daniel Smith, aged eighty-four years, a native of the town.

October 6, died, Maria B., widow of Joseph Clark, aged sixty-six years.

October 20, died, Sarah S. Winn, a native of the town, aged ninety years.

November 29, died, Daniel K. Marvell, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Marvell was a native of Amherst and a marble-worker by trade. His first business for himself was done in a shop upon the banks of the river between the stone bridge and the tavern, in which he manufactured gravestones and monuments. He remained in this business but a short time, leaving it for the livery stable business, including the training of horses and fitting them for the market. For the last thirty years and more of his life he was an active deputy sheriff.

December 13, died, Dexter S. Burnham, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Burnham was a resident of the town for half a century, commencing life here as a teacher and ending it as a druggist, the interval between having been filled with service most useful to the town of his adoption and most creditable to himself. His wife was the oldest daughter of Dea. Freeman Crosby. The older of his two daughters is the wife of George B. French, of Nashua, one of the most prominent lawyers in the state.

1893.

John McLane was elected to the state senate and was made president of that body for the second time.

December 11, died, Gustavus Bartlett, aged eighty-three, a retired merchant. He had been a resident of Bristol nearly all of his business life, coming to Milford in 1867.



October 15, died, Bradley Blanchard, aged eighty-eight years. He was a native of Lyndeborough, but spent the last forty-five years of his life in Milford. His occupation was that of a carpenter.

January 9, died, William P. Richardson, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Richardson was a native of Lyndeborough, but as a comparatively young man established himself upon the Towne farm upon the Wilton road. The railroad station at the crossing near his house was named Richardson's crossing from the fact that he was the owner of the adjoining land. After successfully cultivating his farm for several years, Mr. Richardson took up his residence in the village on the north side of the river. His son, Frank W. Richardson, is one of the leading merchants of the town.

August 5, died, Aaron Mills, a grandson of John Mills, an officer in the Revolutionary War, aged eighty-one years.

1894.

February 24 was one of the coldest days of the century; mean temperature of the day, twelve degrees below zero. At no time in the day did the mercury rise above zero.

In June was celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the town; oration by Hon. Charles H. Burns, a descendant of the original settler, John Burns.

November 21 the Milford & Brookline railroad was formally opened. The town invited guests to the number of four hundred or more. At no time in the history of the town has there been present so large a number of men in high official position as were present upon this occasion. Among the distinguished gentlemen at the banquet were Hon. John McLane, president of the senate, Senator William E. Chandler, Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, Congressman Henry W. Blair, Congressman Henry M. Baker. It is probably the only instance in the history of the state where the entire congressional delegation has been present at a non-political gathering.

May 16, died, Joseph A. Twitchell, aged eighty-two years. Mr. Twitchell was born in Dublin, N. H., and spent the earlier portion of his life in business in Massachusetts. In middle life he became the owner of the farm on the Wilton road, now occu-

pied by Timothy Holland, and cultivated it successfully for several years. He took up his residence in the village several years before his decease.

June 12, died, Zenas Bartlett, aged eighty-nine years. Mr. Bartlett had been a resident of Milford but a short time, taking up his residence here at the time his son, Person Bartlett, Esq., commenced business upon Nashua street.

October 20, died, Mrs. Betsey G. Lund, aged ninety-two years.

October 26, died, Josiah W. Pillsbury, aged eighty-two years. (Sketch elsewhere.)

A census was taken during this centennial year by the town authorities and the number of inhabitants found to be 3,342. Number between the age of fifty and sixty, 223; between sixty and seventy, 211; between seventy and eighty, 187; between eighty and ninety, 41; between ninety and one hundred, 5; number over fifty years, 667.

#### 1895.

January 18, died, Addison Heald, a native of Nelson, aged seventy-eight years. Deacon Heald was an officer in the Congregational church at the time of his decease, and had been engaged for many years in the manufacture of carpenters' tools.

February 2, died, Robert R. Howison, aged eighty years. (Sketch elsewhere.)

January 27, died, Benjamin Melvin, aged seventy-six years.

April 4, died, Joshua Holt, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Holt was a tailor by trade and at one time conducted a merchant tailoring establishment in town. For many years before his decease he was engaged in introducing and selling from town to town medical and other preparations, some of which he manufactured.

June 20, died, Richard H. Pierce, aged seventy years. Before he became a resident of Milford he served in the Mexican war and afterwards as a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, in both of which he bore an honorable part. His wife was the daughter of Levi McIntire.

December 13, died, Richard Mullin, aged seventy-six years.

The cost of the necessities of life, as a whole, are lower than

at any time since the incorporation of the town. The following are some current retail prices: Western corn is sold at forty cents per bushel, oats at thirty cents, the best St. Louis flour at four dollars a barrel; butter from twenty to thirty cents a pound; potatoes, forty cents per bushel; salt pork, eight cents per pound; granulated sugar, five cents per pound; yard wide cotton sheeting, seven cents per yard; calico, from five to eight cents per yard; kerosene oil, twelve cents per gallon; choice cuts of beef command a high price, but ordinary pieces can be bought at a low figure. Sound young work-horses, weighing at least twelve hundred pounds, have been brought from the West during the year and sold at an average of one hundred dollars each; the best driving horses command a good price, but an ordinary Eastern-bred horse can be bought at a low figure. Ready-made clothing and woolen goods generally have never been sold at lower prices. The best anthracite coal is sold at six dollars per ton; good wood, four dollars per cord.

August 21, dedication of memorial stone at Jones's Crossing. Christopher C. Shaw, president of the Milford Historical and Genealogical Society, presided and made the opening address. He was followed by John E. Foster and George A. Ramsdell. Copies of these addresses may be found in the society's files. Col. Dana W. King of Nashua, A. E. Brown, Esq., of Bedford, Mass., and Rev. A. M. Pendleton supplemented the more formal addresses in interesting remarks. The day of the dedication was unusually pleasant, the gathering of towns-people large. The memorial stone stands upon land donated to the society by D. W. Burns, a worthy descendant of the early settler, John Burns.

May 4, died, Benjamin Hall, a native of the town and a son of Nathan Hall. The larger portion of his long and useful life was spent in the towns of New Boston and Bedford, his death occurring in the latter place.

# CHAPTER XVI.

The following is a complete list of the Moderators, Clerks, Treasurers, and Selectmen who have served the town for one hundred years. The members of the Legislature and the vote for Governor during the same time, together with the population of the town as enumerated by the general government :

Year.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.	Selectmen.	Representatives.	Vote for Governor.	Population.
1794	Jacob Flinn .....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Crosby.....	Augustus Blanchard..... Jacob Flinn .....	Voted to dismiss the ar- ticle relating to repre- sentative. William Peabody .....	John T. Gilman .....	25
1795	Porter Lummus .....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Crosby .....	Augustus Blanchard..... Joshua Moar.....	William Peabody .....	John T. Gilman.....	36
1796	Jacob Flinn.....	Benjamin Hutchinson....	William Crosby.....	William Crosby..... Benjamin Hutchinson .....	Milford and Raby. Benjamin Farley .....	John T. Gilman .....	25
1797	Jacob Flinn.....	Benjamin Hutchinson....	.....	Joshua Moar .....	Milford and Raby. ....	Oliver Peabody .....	7
1798	William Crosby.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Crosby .....	Benjamin Hutchinson..... Joshua Moar .....	Augustus Blanchard..... Milford and Raby.....	John T. Gilman .....	46
1799	Jacob Flinn .....	Augustus Blanchard.....	Benjamin French .....	Jacob Flinn..... Augustus Blanchard.....	Benjamin Farley..... Milford and Raby.....	John T. Gilman .....	52
1800	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	Benjamin French.....	Joshua Moar..... Joshua Osgood.....	Augustus Blanchard..... Augustus Blanchard.....	John T. Gilman .....	85
1801	No record.. ..	Augustus Blanchard.....	Benjamin French.....	John Wallace .....	John Wallace .....	John T. Gilman .....	82
1802	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	James Wallace.....	Joshua Osgood..... Joshua Moar.....	William Peabody .....	John T. Gilman .....	939
				Joshua Osgood..... Augustus Blanchard.....	William Peabody .....	John T. Gilman .....	82
				Joshua Osgood..... Joshua Moar.....	William Crosby.. ..	John T. Gilman .....	87
				Augustus Blanchard..... John Wallace .....	William Crosby.....	John T. Gilman .....	11
				Daniel Burns.....	.....	John Langdon .....	.....



1803	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	James Wallace.....	Augustus Blanchard..... John Wallace..... Daniel Burns.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	John T. Gilman.....	111
1804	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Lovejoy.....	Augustus Blanchard..... Josiah Osgood.....	No record.....	John T. Gilman.....	94
1805	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Lovejoy.....	Joshua Moar..... Augustus Blanchard..... Benjamin Hutchinson.....	Josiah Osgood.....	John Langdon.....	49
1806	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Lovejoy.....	Joshua Moar..... Augustus Blanchard..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	John T. Gilman.....	81
1807	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Lovejoy.....	William Crosby..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	John Langdon.....	80
1808	Jacob Flinn.....	Augustus Blanchard.....	William Lovejoy.....	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	77
1809	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy.....	Robert Fuller.....	Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	53
1810	Jacob Flinn.....	William Lovejoy.....	Robert Fuller.....	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	1
1811	Jacob Flinn.....	William Lovejoy.....	Robert Fuller.....	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	48
1812	Jacob Flinn.....	William Lovejoy.....	Robert Fuller.....	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	45
1813	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy.....	Robert Fuller.....	William Crosby..... Benjamin Hutchinson.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	7
1814	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy.....	Robert Fuller.....	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Benjamin Hutchinson.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	61
1815	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy.....	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	46
1816	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy.....	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	97
1817	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy.....	James Wallace.....	William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	3
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	97
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	3
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	97
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	47
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	1
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	96
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	65
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	101
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	50
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	117
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	63
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	1
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	141
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	80
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	137
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	143
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	88
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	2
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	134
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	82
				William Crosby..... Samuel Burns..... Jacob Flinn.....	Josiah Osgood.....	Jeremiah Smith.....	3



TABLE—Continued.

Year.	Moderator.	Town Clerk.	Town Treasurer.	Selectmen.	Representatives.	Vote for Governor.	Population.
1818	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Lovejoy .....	Solomon K. Livermore...	Josiah French..... Jacob Flinn.....	William Lovejoy.....	William Hale..... William Plummer.....	123 93
1819	Jacob Flinn.....	William Lovejoy.....	Adam Dickey.....	Benjamin Osgood..... Josiah French..... Jacob Flinn.....	William Lovejoy.....	Scattering..... Samuel Bell..... Richard H. Ayer.....	4 121 74
1820	Jacob Flinn.....	Jonathan Buxton.....	Voted not to have a town treasurer.....	Benjamin Osgood..... Luther Hutchinson..... Henry Lovejoy..... Daniel Burns, Jr.....	William Crosby.....	Daniel Abbott..... David L. Morrill..... Samuel Bell.....	71 86 12
1821	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Josiah French..... Jacob Flinn.....	William Crosby.....	Scattering..... Jeremiah Mason..... David L. Morrill.....	8 109 71
1822	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Henry Lovejoy..... Josiah French..... Jacob Flinn..... Luther Hutchinson.....	William Crosby.....	Scattering..... Samuel Bell..... Scattering.....	2 41 11
1823	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Josiah French..... Jacob Flinn.....	William Crosby.....	Samuel Dinsmore..... Levi Woodbury.....	71 30
1824	Jacob Flinn.....	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Isaac Lund..... Jacob Flinn..... Josiah French.....	William Crosby.....	Scattering..... David L. Morrill..... Scattering.....	27 153 8
1825	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Isaac Lund..... Stephen Peabody..... Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr.....	Stephen Peabody.....	David L. Morrill.....	170
1826	Zebadiah Holt.....	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Josiah French..... Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr..... Isaac Lund.....	Josiah French.....	David L. Morrill..... Benjamin Pierce.....	153 25
1827	Zebadiah Holt.....	Jonathan Buxton.....	.....	Josiah French..... Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr..... John Wallace, Jr.....	Stephen Peabody.....	Scattering..... David L. Morrill..... Benjamin Pierce.....	4 114 54
1828	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Ruxton.....	.....	Josiah French..... Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr..... John Wallace, Jr.....	Josiah French.....	Scattering..... John Bell..... Benjamin Pierce.....	3 200 31

1829	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr. John Wallace, Jr.	Solomon K. Livermore...	John Bell... Benjamin Pierce...	179 54
1830	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	Solomon K. Livermore Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr.	Solomon K. Livermore...	Timothy Upham... Matthew Harvey...	179 53
1831	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	John Wallace, Jr. Solomon K. Livermore	Solomon K. Livermore...	Ichabod Bartlett... Samuel Dinsmore...	180 52
1832	John W. Smith.....	Jonathan Buxton	Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr. Josiah Crosby, 3d	Josiah Crosby, 3d	Scattering... Ichabod Bartlett...	2 127
1833	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	Josiah Crosby, 3d Calvin Averill...	John Wallace, Jr.	Samuel Dinsmore... Robert Knight...	61 1
1834	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	John Wallace, Jr. Jesse Hutchinson	John Wallace, Jr.	Samuel Dinsmore... Charles H. Atherton...	109 37
1835	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	John Wallace, Jr. Jacob Hutchinson	Solomon K. Livermore...	Scattering... William Badger...	3 76
1836	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	Jesse Hutchinson John Wallace, Jr.	Solomon K. Livermore...	William Ramsdell, Jr.	2
1837	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	John Wallace, Jr. Jacob Hutchinson	Solomon K. Livermore...	Joseph Healey... William Badger...	126 54
1838	Solomon K. Livermore...	Jonathan Buxton	Josiah Crosby, 3d John Wallace	Solomon K. Livermore...	Isaac Hill... Geo. Sullivan...	46 4
1839	David Secombe .....	Daniel Russell	Benjamin Hutchinson Luther Hutchinson	Solomon K. Livermore...	Isaac Hill... Richard Boylston...	45 6
1840	William Ramsdell, Jr.....	Daniel Russell	John Wallace Benjamin Hutchinson	Abial Lovejoy	David Woolson... James Wilson...	1 228
1841	William Ramsdell, Jr....	Daniel Russell	David Secombe Solomon K. Livermore	Solomon K. Livermore...	Isaac Hill... Edmund Parker...	88 1
1842	William Ramsdell.....	Daniel Russell	Jesse Hutchinson David Secombe	Voted not to send	James Wilson... John Page...	197 86
1843	Humphrey M. French....	Daniel Russell	William Ramsdell, Jr. David Secombe	Humphrey Moar	Enos Stevens... John Page...	139 87
			William Ramsdell, Jr. Reuben Hutchinson	Daniel Putnam	George Kent... Enos Stevens...	44 128
			David Secombe William Ramsdell, Jr.	William Ramsdell	John Page... Daniel Holt...	80 34
			Reuben Hutchinson William Ramsdell	William Ramsdell	Enos Stevens... Henry Hubbard...	91 76
			Reuben Hutchinson Daniel Putnam	Reuben Hutchinson	Scattering... Daniel Holt...	41 100
			Calvin Averill... Freeman Crosby	Daniel Putnam	Hy. Hubbard... Anthony Colby, 77; J. H.	78

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Year.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.	Selectmen.	Representatives.	Vote for Governor.	Population
1844	Humphrey M. French....	Daniel Russell.....	.....	Daniel Putnam..... William Ramsdell..... Reuben Hutchinson..... William Ramsdell.....	Balloted 19 times and no choice.	Daniel Holt..... 105 Anthony Colby..... 89 John Steele, 77; scattering, 9	
1845	Jonas Hutchinson.....	Daniel Russell.....	.....	Reuben Hutchinson..... P. M. Kossiter..... Luther Hutchinson..... Nehemiah Holt.....	Voted not to send.	Daniel Holt..... 87 John H. Steele..... 74 Anthony Colby, 70; scat., 1	
1846	William Ramsdell....	Daniel Russell.....	.....	Humphrey M. French..... Luther Hutchinson..... Humphrey M. French..... Humphrey M. French.....	Balloted 5 times and no choice.	Nathaniel S. Berry..... 123 Jared W. Williams..... 86 Anthony Colby, 80; scat., 1.	
1847	William Ramsdell.....	Daniel Russell.....	.....	Abel Chase..... William Ramsdell..... Levi Curtis..... Abel Chase.....	Daniel Putnam..... William Ramsdell.....	Anthony Colby..... 129 Nathaniel S. Berry..... 89 Jared W. Williams, : scat., 1	
1848	William Ramsdell.....	Daniel Russell.....	.....	William Ramsdell..... Levi Curtis..... Abel Chase..... Levi Curtis.....	Daniel Putnam..... Daniel Russell.....	Nathaniel S. Berry..... 244 Jared W. Williams..... 89 Scattering..... 7	
1849	Simeon S. Stickney.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	Benjamin I. Conant..... Abel Chase..... Levi Curtis..... Benjamin I. Conant.....	Daniel Russell..... George Daniels..... Leonard Chase..... George Daniels.....	Nathaniel S. Berry..... 134 Levi Chamberlin..... 93 Samuel Dinsmore 92; scat., 1	
1850	William Ramsdell.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	Benjamin I. Conant..... Levi Curtis..... Benjamin I. Conant..... Levi Curtis.....	.....	Nathaniel S. Berry..... 143 Levi Chamberlin..... 89 Samuel Dinsmore..... 84	2,159
1851	William Wallace.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	Hiram A. Daniels..... William Wallace..... Hiram A. Daniels..... William Wallace.....	Leonard Chase..... Jacob Gove..... Jacob Gove..... Hiram A. Daniels.....	John Atwood..... 202 Samuel Dinsmore..... 71 Thomas E. Sawyer..... 88 John Atwood..... 179	
1852	Simeon S. Stickney.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	Martin Hall..... William Wallace..... Martin Hall..... John E. Bruce.....	.....	Noah Martin..... 98 Thomas E. Sawyer..... 81 John H. White..... 158 Noah Martin..... 111	
1853	William Wallace.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	John E. Bruce..... John E. Bruce..... Isaac Burns..... Joel W. Duncklee.....	.....	James Bell..... 65 Jared Perkins..... 197 Nathaniel B. Baker..... 111 James Bell..... 67	
1854	William Wallace.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	.....	William Wallace..... Abel Chase.....	.....	

1855	William Wallace.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	John E. Bruce.....	Abel Chase.....	Ralph Metcalf.....	328
				Isaac Burns.....	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	Nathaniel B. Baker.....	109
1856	Leonard Chase.....	Charles R. Wallace.....	.....	Joel W. Ducklee.....	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	James Bell 23; Asa Fowler, 11.	336
				David P. Needham.....	John E. Bruce.....	Ralph Metcalf.....	121
1857	William Ramsdell.....	William R. Wallace.....	Hiram A. Daniels.....	Pomroy M. Rossiter.....	John E. Bruce.....	Ichabod Goodwin, 13; Asa	357
				George F. Bartlett.....	John E. Bruce.....	William Haile.....	111
				William Ramsdell.....	George W. Burns.....	John S. Wells.....	351
1858	Jacob Gove.....	William R. Wallace.....	Hiram A. Daniels.....	John A. Powers.....	George W. Burns.....	William Haile.....	125
				George F. Bartlett.....	George W. Came.....	Asa P. Cate.....	1
1859	Jacob Gove.....	Daniel Russell.....	Hiram A. Daniels.....	Pomroy M. Rossiter.....	George W. Came.....	Charles B. Haddock.....	347
				James J. Badger.....	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	Ichabod Goodwin.....	115
1860	Jacob Gove.....	Daniel Russell.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	William P. Colburn.....	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	Asa P. Cate.....	362
				William P. Colburn.....	George F. Bartlett.....	Ichabod Goodwin.....	134
				Moses French.....	George F. Bartlett.....	Asa P. Cate.....	343
1861	Jacob Gove.....	William R. Wallace.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	George W. Came.....	George F. Bartlett.....	Nathaniel S. Berry.....	159
				George W. Came.....	William Lane.....	George Stark.....	294
1862	Jacob Gove.....	Daniel Russell.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	Levi Curtis.....	Martin Hall.....	Nathaniel S. Berry.....	127
				William Ramsdell.....	William Lane.....	George Stark.....	310
1863	Leonard Chase.....	Daniel Russell.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	Levi Curtis.....	Martin Hall.....	Ira A. Eastman.....	31
				Ezekiel Mills.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	Walter Harriman.....	365
1864	Leonard Chase.....	Daniel Russell.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	John L. Spring.....	Frederick T. Sawyer.....	Joseph A. Gilmore.....	131
				William P. Richardson.....	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	Edward W. Harrington.....	335
1865	Jacob Gove.....	John E. Bruce.....	William R. Wallace.....	William P. Richardson.....	John Marvell.....	Frederick Smyth.....	108
				Benjamin F. Hutchinson.....	Frederick T. Sawyer.....	Edward W. Harrington.....	349
1866	John L. Spring.....	John E. Bruce.....	William R. Wallace.....	William Ramsdell.....	John Marvell.....	Frederick Smyth.....	105
				Levi Curtis.....	Francis J. French.....	John G. Sinclair.....	373
1867	Leonard Chase.....	John E. Bruce.....	William R. Wallace.....	William R. Wallace.....	Francis J. French.....	Walter Harriman.....	122
				William Ramsdell.....	Matthias F. Crosby.....	John G. Sinclair.....	438
1868	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	John E. Bruce.....	William R. Wallace.....	William R. Wallace.....	Matthias F. Crosby.....	Walter Harriman.....	165
				John Marvell.....	Samuel G. Dearborn.....	John G. Sinclair.....	376
1869	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	James M. Blanchard.....	William R. Wallace.....	George F. Bartlett.....	Samuel G. Dearborn.....	Onslow Stearns.....	115
				William R. Wallace.....	Bainbridge Wadleigh.....	John Bedell.....	2,606
				John Marvell.....			
				George F. Bartlett.....			



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Year.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.	Selectmen.	Representatives.	Vote for Governor.	Population.
1870	Bainbridge Wadleigh....	James M. Blanchard.....	William R. Wallace....	William R. Wallace. John Marvell..... George F. Bartlett..	Bainbridge Wadleigh.. Moses French.....	Onslow Stearns ..... 399 John Bedell ..... [ering, 2. 120	
1871	Bainbridge Wadleigh....	James M. Blanchard.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	John E. Bruce..... Matthias F. Crosby ..	Bainbridge Wadleigh.. Moses French.....	Lorenzo D. Burrows, 13; scat- James Pike..... 414 James A. Weston..... 144	
1872	Bainbridge Wadleigh....	James M. Blanchard..... From Sept. 18, Newton W. Robinson.	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Luther M. Burns..... John E. Bruce..... Matthias F. Crosby ..	Bainbridge Wadleigh.. George C. Gilmore... Isalah Hutchinson...	Ezekiel A. Straw..... 443 James A. Weston..... 185 John Blackmer..... 25	
1873	Frederick T. Sawyer .....	Dexter S. Burnham.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	George F. Bartlett..	Isalah Hutchinson...	Ezekiel A. Straw ..... 358	
1874	Bainbridge Wadleigh....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Luther M. Burns..... Stephen C. Coburn... Stephen C. Coburn... Daniel W. Sargent... Robert A. Clark.....	William B. Towne.... Benjamin F. Hutchinson Benjamin F. Hutchinson William B. Towne.... William M. Knowlton..	James A. Weston..... 128 John Blackmer..... 55 Luther McCutchins... 373 James A. Weston..... 163 John Blackmer..... 43	
1875	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Stephen G. Coburn... Daniel W. Sargent... Robert A. Clark.....	William M. Knowlton.. William H. W. Hinds Christopher C. Shaw... Scattering..... 14	Person C. Cheney..... 464 Hiram R. Roberts..... 181	
1876	Gilbert Wadleigh.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Stephen C. Coburn... Summer B. Emerson... George E. Clark.....	Christopher C. Shaw... Timothy Kaley..... William H. W. Hinds...	Person C. Cheney ..... 484 Daniel Marcey..... 146 Asa S. Kendall..... 3	
1877	John E. Bruce.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Sumner B. Emerson... George E. Clark..... Charles Wilkins.....	Isaac P. Abbott..... Robert M. Wallace.... Timothy Kaley.....	Benjamin F. Prescott... 463 Daniel Marcey..... 142	
1878	Jonathan Snow.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	George E. Clark..... Charles Wilkins..... Jason T. Burns.....	Elected in March, W. W. Howard, I. P. Abbott, R. M. Wallace. Elected in Nov., S. B. Cotton, J. E. Bruce, A. McIntire.....	In March, N. Head, 392; W. G. Brown, 43; A. S. Kendall, 3. In Nov., B. F. Prescott, 414; F. A. McKean, 166; scatter- ing, 17.....	
1879	John E. Bruce.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Charles Wilkins..... Jason T. Burns..... John Hadlock.....	.....	.....	
1880	John E. Bruce.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer..	Jason T. Burns..... John Hadlock..... Appleton M. Hatch.....	Stephen C. Coburn... David Heald.....	Charles H. Bell..... 465 Frank Jones..... 171 Scattering..... 2	2,398



1881	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer	John Hadlock Appleton M. Hatch James M. Burns John E. Bruce Leonard B. Dow John E. Foster John E. Bruce Leonard B. Dow John E. Foster John E. Bruce Leonard B. Dow John E. Foster John E. Bruce Leonard B. Dow John E. Foster Stephen C. Coburn Leonard B. Dow Everett Stickney Leonard B. Dow Everett Stickney Marsene S. Hall Everett Stickney Marsene S. Hall Nelson H. Brown Nelson H. Brown Moses F. Foster Arthur W. Howison Leonard B. Dow Matthias F. Crosby Ezra C. Towne Leonard B. Dow Ezra C. Towne Matthias F. Crosby Leonard B. Dow Luther M. Burns George A. Worcester Leonard B. Dow Luther M. Burns George A. Worcester Leonard B. Dow Brooks R. Came Frank W. Ordway Leonard B. Dow Brooks R. Came Frank W. Ordway	Jason T. Burns David F. Thompson John E. Foster John E. Bruce Leonard B. Dow John McLane Samuel B. Cotton John E. Foster John E. Bruce Leonard B. Dow John McLane Samuel B. Cotton Leonard B. Dow Everett Stickney Marsene S. Hall Albert W. Smith Everett Stickney Nelson H. Brown Moses F. Foster Henry H. Barber William W. Hemenway Person Bartlett Leonard B. Dow Ezra C. Towne Matthias F. Crosby Leonard B. Dow Luther M. Burns Clarence J. Gutterson Oliver H. Foster Luther M. Burns George A. Worcester Leonard B. Dow Brooks R. Came Frank W. Ordway Leonard B. Dow Brooks R. Came Frank W. Ordway	Samuel W. Hale Martin V. B. Edgerly Scattering Moody Currier John M. Hill Larkin D. Mason, 27; scat., 4 Charles H. Sawyer Thomas Cogswell Joseph Wentworth David H. Goodell Charles H. Amsden Edgar L. Carr Hiram A. Tuttle Charles H. Amsden Josiah M. Fletcher John B. Smith Luther F. McKinney Scattering Charles A. Busiel Henry O. Kent Scattering	222 235 15 409 192 380 184 22 429 271 18 396 239 8 409 261 27 423 164 27
1882	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1883	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1884	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1885	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1886	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1887	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1888	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1889	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1890	Albert W. Smith	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				3,014
1891	John McLane	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1892	John McLane	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1893	John McLane	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				
1894	John McLane	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				3,315
1895	John McLane	James M. Laws	Frederick T. Sawyer				

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Year.	Moderator.	Town Clerk.	Town Treasurer.	Selectmen.	Representatives.	Vote for Governor.	Population.
1896	John McLane.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer .....	Frank W. Ordway..... Fred J. Kendall..... George A. Worcester.....	Arthur L. Keyes..... William R. Howard..... Charles D. Holt.....	George A. Ramsdell..... 513 Henry O. Kent..... 192 Scattering..... 15	
1897	John McLane.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer.....	Frank W. Ordway..... Fred J. Kendall..... George A. Worcester.....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	
1898	John McLane.....	James M. Laws.....	Frederick T. Sawyer.....	George A. Worcester..... George A. Worcester..... Walker R. Fitch..... Clarence L. Trow.....	..... ..... ..... .....	..... ..... ..... .....	

## CHAPTER XVII.

MILLS, FACTORIES, AND OTHER MANUFACTORIES WHERE WATER AND OTHER POWER HAS BEEN OR IS USED—SOUHEGAN COTTON MILL—HILLSBOROUGH MILLS—BERRY'S MILL—KENDALL AND WILKINS'S MILL—HARTSHORN'S MILL—C. H. V. SMITH'S MANUFACTORY—FURNITURE FACTORY OF FRENCH & HEALD—BARTLETT'S HOSIERY MILL—MCLANE'S POST-OFFICE FURNITURE MANUFACTORY—THE FOSTER TANNERY—THE BOOT & SHOE BUSINESS—THE MILFORD PLOW COMPANY—THE IRON FOUNDRY BUSINESS FORMERLY CARRIED ON—MILFORD GRANITE QUARRIES.

As has been stated in another connection, the first water wheel in town was put in motion on the north side of the river, at what is now the Berry mill, just below the stone bridge, in the village. John Shepherd built his mill upon land given him for that purpose in 1741, and from that time to the present, a sawmill has been maintained at that point. The mill yard, in early times, received the huge trunks of the native pines, the monarchs of the primeval forest, and logs of trees of almost every name known in New Hampshire. The dimensions of round lumber brought to the mill has gradually decreased, until now a stick of more than eighteen inches in diameter is seldom seen. Shepherd also established a grist-mill alongside his sawmill, and the two were known far and wide as Shepherd's mills. For several years, parties came from the north and west a long distance with grists of corn, rye, and other grains. The original grist-mill was discontinued many years ago.

For some time, wool-carding was carried on in connection with these mills, on the north side of the river. The sawmill is now owned and operated by Smith Berry, who has recently (1896) restored the grist-mill.

The Souhegan river, for nearly fifty years, was checked in its flow by no other dam within the limits of the town. A dam was thrown across the river a little below the present county bridge,

and a sawmill erected by Jonathan Jones, the year before the town was incorporated. This mill stood but a few years, when it was carried away at a time when the county bridge was badly damaged. No other attempt was made to build a dam at this place until the year 1834, when Putnam Tyler erected a dam and sawmill upon this privilege. January 31, 1835, before Tyler's mill was entirely completed, a freshet carried off the county bridge, with the mill and dam. The bridge was rebuilt the following summer by the town.

It may be remarked, in this connection, that the county bridge, as built by the county in 1789, crossed the river some fifteen rods below the location of the present bridge, and that Jones's and Tyler's mills were upon the south side of the river. No millwright has since attempted to dam this impetuous stream, and to utilize it in mills located as were Jones's and Tyler's. Years after, the Pine Valley Company, now the Hillsborough mills, taking the water out of the river at a point considerably above the old dam, and canaling it on the north side of the river to a protected location, have made profitable use of this water power, and a successful business has been conducted for many years. Allusion will be made to these mills in another connection. When the bridge, dam, and mill were carried away in 1835, the dam at Shepherd's mill was seriously injured. Were it not for the widely-expanding intervalles above the dam, and the stone bridge, it would be well-nigh impossible to maintain either of these structures during the annual freshets.

The Souhegan is reinforced in its passage through the town by four brooks, two entering the main stream from the north, and two from the south. The larger of the two southern affluents enters the river in the village, and is the source of considerable water power. The brook is called, in the deed of Joseph Blanchard to John Burns, Nonendum brook, but in most deeds which I have examined, it is called the Great brook. There is a tradition in the Burns family that when their emigrant ancestor, John Burns, moved his family and household effects, about 1744, from Hudson to his Blanchard purchase, the journey was made by water, by way of the Merrimack river, the Souhegan river, and Nonendum brook.

A sawmill was built near the mouth of Great brook, by Wil-



liam Crosby and others. It is not certain what year this mill was built, but in a deed dated December 1, 1793, the grantor speaks of the sawmill at the mouth of Great brook, as recently erected by himself and others. Very soon after Crosby and his associates built this sawmill in the village, a privilege was granted to Jonathan Buxton, blacksmith, to take water from the dam at the west end to operate a trip-hammer, which for many years was in operation at the old Buxton or Turner blacksmith shop.

Benjamin French, who had purchased of Crosby what is now the High School house lot and adjoining lands, soon after the erection of a sawmill, erected a dam of modest height very near the mouth of the brook to furnish power for a bark-mill in connection with his tannery, which he successfully carried on until succeeded by his son, Josiah, who in turn was succeeded by his son, Francis J. The Great brook receives, about a mile above its mouth, two smaller streams.

Above the second tributary is situated the sawmill now owned by Dow & Gutterson. It is not known when this privilege was first utilized. A sawmill was built at this place before 1787, by Capt. Josiah Crosby, who in that year deeded an undivided interest to Josiah Osgood, a prominent citizen of the town, from whom the mill took its name, "The Osgood Mill." For more than a hundred years this sawmill has been continuously maintained. And for a considerable portion of the time a grist-mill has been in operation in connection with it. A cider-mill is now operated at this privilege. Some two miles above the Osgood mill, on the same stream, Samuel Wordsworth and Edmund Green had a sawmill in full operation thirty years ago, but it is not now in use. On the most easterly branch of the Great brook, there was at an early day, a small water privilege and mill upon the farm now owned by Dea. W. P. Colburn.

The Johnson sawmill was located near the Nathaniel Coggin farm, on the second tributary to Great brook, and was a mill of considerable consequence. Still further up, upon the same tributary was a shop with a trip-hammer, owned and occupied by the late Martin W. Hall, before he established himself as a blacksmith in the old shop near the old burying-ground in the village.

The second tributary to the waters of the Souhegan, from the south and upon the banks of which, about forty rods from its mouth, Benjamin Hopkins built his bullet-proof cabin, and which crosses the highway near the brick mansion house built by the late Joseph Tucker, was dammed by Hopkins at some time prior to 1764, and a sawmill built a little west of the barn on the Tucker farm. How much business Hopkins did at this mill, the second built in town, cannot now be told. It is certain, however, that he had a mill-pond of considerable size, for the old Monson records for the year 1764, have the following article in the warrant for the annual town meeting: "to see if the town would be at the charge of making another road where Mr. Benjamin Hopkins has flowed the town road, or take a course of law with him for damages."

Remains of the old Hopkins dam are still visible.

A little more than a mile above the Hopkins dam, on the same brook, which in some ancient records is called "White Hall Brook," and near the point where the highway from Jones's crossing to the residence of the late Daniel Smith, crosses the brook, the late Reuben Hutchinson owned and operated a sawmill for a number of years. It was in active operation forty years ago, but soon after ceased to be used. Still farther up the stream and near the Wilton line, was located the Gutterson sawmill. Business was here carried on for many years. In addition to the mill privileges already named upon the south side of the river, there was an ancient sawmill in the extreme south-western part of the town, upon a stream which emptied into Potanapus pond in Brookline. This mill was known as the "Spalding Sawmill."

Passing to the north side of the river on our way to Mont Vernon, we cross a small brook upon which is located the sawmill of Frank Hartshorn. Mr. Hartshorn now does considerable business in sawing and manufacturing lumber. It is an old mill site, but the power is not large and has to be supplemented with steam.

A short distance down this brook, at the point where it crosses the highway from the Porter Wheeler place to the Abel Hutchinson farm, some forty years ago a dam was built and a building erected to be used for the manufacture of some parts of piano

cases. The mill was started, but nothing of any consequence was done and the building is now in ruins. This brook has been known as the Butters brook. Passing up the river road on the northerly side we cross the second brook, flowing into the Souhegan above the village. A few rods up the stream known as Purgatory brook and near the residence of the late D. Pierson, was located the old Pierson sawmill, which for a long time was operated by the Pierson family, but is now abandoned.

For some time previous to his death, the late Samuel Goss had a shingle and clapboard mill on the small brook emptying into the river near the Catholic church.

In the year 1789, William Crosby, who owned one hundred acres and more in what is now the compact part of the village, deeded to Ebenezer Taylor, a strip of land from the stone bridge down the river upon the south side, sufficiently far to include what is now the manufacturing plant of Morse, Kaley & Co., and that of John McLane. Crosby's deed included not only the land but the right to use one half of the water in the stream.

Several kinds of business were carried on to a limited extent at the south end of the old Shepard dam. It was not until the year 1810, when a company was incorporated under the name of The Cotton and Woollen Manufacturing Company, having secured the title to the land and water power which Taylor purchased of Crosby, commenced in earnest the manufacture of cotton fabrics. A mill was built in 1813, and the manufacture of cotton yarn was commenced in 1814.

Some years later, the proprietors of the old cotton mill, wishing to utilize the privilege which they owned below the Shepard dam, erected an inexpensive dam at a point in the river now spanned by the foot-bridge. The water was carried by a short canal to a wheel pit upon the plant now owned by John McLane, and the water was used, among other purposes, to propel a grist mill. Many manufacturing interests have been accommodated at this privilege. In course of time, the dam first built, was abandoned, and a wooden dam erected farther down the river, which in turn was followed by the building of the present stone dam, by Putnam & Chase, in 1846.

I have said on page eleven of this history that the building

of the stone dam caused the water to flow back and cover the old shallow ford way to such a degree that it is not now easy to conceive of it as the location of a passageway across the river. I did not intend to exclude the information that an older wooden dam of less height had, before the erection of the stone dam, in a large measure produced the same effect. Upon the building of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company's mill, the control of the water power at the stone dam passed into the hands of that company, excepting that the old plant retained the right to use the water not needed at the Souhegan mill. By means of a long canal, an extensive power was obtained in the wheel pit of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company.

A few years ago the building on Nashua street, now owned by C. H. V. Smith, some distance below the stone dam, was erected, a dam built, a wheel put in and connected with shafting in the shop. By this arrangement some power was obtained, but water power at this point has been abandoned and steam substituted, and the river now flows unvexed by this particular dam. It thus appears that at least twenty-two places, mills of more or less consequence have at different times been in existence in town, of which much less than half are now in operation.

#### MILFORD COTTON AND WOOLLEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

This was the corporate name of the cotton factory which was established in the early part of this century upon the south side of the river opposite Shepard's mills and a few rods below the stone bridge. The company was incorporated June 10, 1810. The grantees were James Wallace, Jotham Shepard, William Lovejoy, Robert Means, and Thomas Means. A substantial building was erected in 1813. The manufacture of cotton yarn commenced in 1814. The manufacture of cloth by power looms commenced in 1824. In 1833, in consequence of the pressure of the times, the proprietors suspended operations.

In 1837, Humphrey Moore, George Daniels, Ezra Gay and James Searles purchased the corporate property and made thorough repairs of the machinery. They manufactured in 1839, of tickings and shirtings, 176,146 yards. Number of hands employed in all departments of business on the first day







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SOUHEGAN COTTON MILL, (BURNED 1872)

of January, 1840, about 40. Number of spindles in operation at the time, 1,024,—30 looms for shirtings, and 16 for tickings. The property afterwards passed into the hands of George Daniels and Ezra Gay who continued the manufacture of cotton goods for some years, after which the property passed into the hands of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company.

In 1860, the property was leased by Morse, Kaley & Co., for ten years; this firm at once commenced the manufacture of knitting and tidy cottons. At the end of the lease, the property was purchased, and a large addition made to the main mill. A brick picker house, a store house, and office were also built. In 1882, upon the death of the Hon. Timothy Kaley, who had had the active management of the firm since 1860, the business of Morse & Kaley was incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire as the Morse & Kaley Manufacturing Co., with E. J. W. Morse as president, Col. F. E. Kaley as treasurer, and L. C. Billings as superintendent. In 1883, an engine and boiler house, a machine shop and a steam plant, capable of furnishing sufficient power to run the entire mill, were provided.

The goods manufactured by this concern are sold from Maine to California, and as the company has always kept up the quality of goods manufactured, it is understood by the consumer the country over, that an article with the name of Morse & Kaley on it is sure to be first-class in every respect. Number of hands now employed, 1897, seventy-five.

Many of our citizens, now advanced in years, remember the old cotton mill as it appeared in their younger days, when cotton spinning and weaving by power looms was in its infancy. This mill has furnished employment for four-score years to a large number of operatives, and the money received from its pay-rolls has contributed largely to the prosperity of the town. As now managed it is one of the most profitable establishments in this neighborhood.

#### THE SOUHEGAN COTTON MILL.

By far the largest manufacturing enterprise which the town has had within its borders was carried on under the corporate name of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company.

Adam Dickey, George Daniels, Ezra Gay, James Searles,

Hiram A. Daniels, during the time the old cotton mill was used for the manufacture of cotton cloth, were the active men in charge of affairs. In 1846, Daniel Putnam and Leonard Chase, the owners of the water privilege at the stone dam, in connection with some of the parties interested in the old cotton mill, conceived the idea of erecting a cotton mill in Milford, in which cotton manufacturing should be carried on much more extensively than ever before.

A charter was obtained in 1847, providing for an organization with a capital of \$150,000. A substantial brick mill was built in the year 1848, some ninety rods below the stone dam, on the north side of the river. The mill was a substantial structure 118 feet long by 48 feet wide. It had two wings each 30 by 25 feet. It contained 6,500 spindles and 128 looms and was in every way, for the times, a well equipped cotton mill. A powerful steam engine was subsequently added to supplement the water power at dry seasons of the year. In connection there were ample boarding houses for the operatives, and several tenements erected for the accommodation of families of overseers.

The building of the mill was the occasion of the erection of many private residences in that general neighborhood. "The Acre," mostly within the limits of Amherst, was used for building purposes by enterprising people of Irish extraction who had been attracted to this vicinity by the building of the cotton factory. If the memory of the historian is not at fault, the first Irishman making a home in Milford came here as a laborer in the construction of this mill. Nearly one half of the stock was taken by Milford people, Putnam & Chase being the largest owners. The mill was in operation twenty-three years. Its stockholders and managers were progressive men, interested in the material advancement of the interests of the town, and the mill and all its surroundings were well cared for and kept in such shape as to be a credit to the town. Its monthly pay-roll was an event which not only made glad the hearts of the operatives, but very largely increased the receipts of our business men.

But few dividends were paid. The mill was too far from the railroad station (about a mile), and the expense of transporting the cotton to the mill from the depot and the return of the product of the mill to the railroad was very large.

The most serious blow to the material prosperity of the town occurred in April, 1872, when the valuable property was destroyed by fire. The buildings were insured to a moderate extent, so that with the sale of the water power and land, at a very low figure, the stockholders received about one half of the par value of their stock.

The product of the mill consisted of goods at that time manufactured in cotton mills of moderate size,—plain cotton cloth, denims, and tickings. The agents of the mill were :

Walter T. Jaquith.

Charles Gillis.

Moses French.

David Gillis.

Thomas W. Gillis.

George C. Gilmore.

#### HILLSBOROUGH MILLS.

That part of the town through which the highway passes from Jones's crossing to the Wilton line has for many years been called the "Pine Valley." The name was undoubtedly given the locality from the fact that pine trees were formerly found growing there in large numbers.

In 1866, the legislature chartered the Pine Valley Company, and a dam across the Souhegan was built at a point considerably above the location of the ancient Jones dam and the Tyler dam of 1834, and the mills and canal, now the plant of the Hillsborough Mills, were built.

The manufacture of woolen carpets was successfully carried on until the year 1873, when the legislature of the state chartered the Hillsborough Mills which succeeded to the property and the business of the Pine Valley Company. For a score of years this enterprising and well-managed corporation has had a high rank among the dividend paying companies of the state. It has been and is fortunate for the town that this valuable piece of property, within less than a mile of the principal village of Wilton, is for the important purpose of taxation, a part of the town of Milford. The capital of these mills is \$220,000. The product at the present time consists of carpet yarns, bed blank-



ets, horse blankets, and cassimeres. The value of the annual product is about \$400,000, and the number of persons employed when the mills are in full operation, two hundred.

The mills are substantially constructed of brick, and contain an engine of sufficient power to make good any lack of water power during the dryest portions of the year.

The officers of the corporation at the present time are: Directors, William W. Bailey, Harvey A. Whiting, William D. Cadwell, John F. Stark, David A. Gregg, Nash Simons, and Prescott C. Gates. Mr. Bailey is president, and Mr. Simons treasurer and manager.

#### BERRY'S MILL.

This sawmill, in the village upon the north side of the river, was purchased in 1895, of Henry S. Gilson, and is now (1898) the property of Smith Berry. For more than a century and a half this mill has been in constant operation, Col. John Shepherd and his relatives, for many years being its proprietors. In recent times the mill has been the property of the late William Gilson, and afterwards of his son, Henry S. Gilson.

In all its history, the general business of manufacturing round logs into lumber of various kinds has been carried on, and during the larger part of the time, a portion of the lumber so manufactured has been wrought into various forms of merchandise needed in this vicinity, and other sections of the country.

Under the Gilson ownership, cooperage stock was manufactured in large quantities, the value of this portion of the product of the mill rising sometimes as high as forty or fifty thousand dollars per year.

Mr. Berry possesses the most ancient saw and grist-mill site in town, and doubtless under his judicious management, it will continue to serve the public in the future as it has in the past.

#### KENDALL AND WILKINS'S MILL.

This is an ancient mill site, located in the village upon Nomendum brook, or the Great brook, at a point very near its confluence with the Souhegan river.

A sawmill was built upon the spot as early as 1793, and



from that time to the present day the brook has never ceased to turn a wheel. For a time the power was divided between a saw and a grist-mill, which were located in connection upon this plant. Many remember the mill yard, and the huge pile of logs which often extended far into the common.

The sawmill and the grist-mill were operated harmoniously, because they were generally owned by the same parties, but a world of trouble came from the fact that in the early history of this water power, its proprietors conveyed to the owners of the Buxton or Turner blacksmith shop the right to take water out of the pond, under certain conditions, and use the same in the driving of a trip-hammer. Jonathan Buxton sold the blacksmith shop to Caleb Turner in 1815, at which time the latter became a citizen of Milford, and for more than twenty years carried on the blacksmith business. His son, Granville Turner, who at different times has been connected with several industries in town, succeeded his father in business at this place.

Fifty years ago, more or less, and while Caleb Turner owned the blacksmith shop, the proprietors of the saw and grist-mill were advised by their lawyers that Turner had no rights in the water privilege which they were bound to respect. A very bitter lawsuit ensued, perhaps as bitter as any which has occurred in town. The verdict was, substantially, a victory for Turner, and the trip-hammer continued to pound, until, by purchase and sale, the blacksmith shop ceased to have any right in the water power.

The sawmill is now a thing of the past, as well as a woolen-mill, manufacturing hosiery, which took its place for a few years. The grist-mill, thoroughly modernized, is owned and occupied by Charles E. Kendall and Frank E. Wilkins. In addition to doing the custom work for a large extent of territory, this firm do an extended business in grinding Western corn; not less than fifty thousand bushels were ground during the year 1895.

#### HARTSHORN'S MILL.

Upon the new road to Mont Vernon is located the sawmill of Frank Hartshorn. This is an old mill site, and considerable business has been done here for many years, but, under the

ownership of the present proprietor, a much larger amount of business is done than at any former time.

In addition to a large amount of work commonly done in saw mills, Mr. Hartsborn annually uses two hundred thousand feet of lumber in the manufacture of packing-boxes, and at least one half that amount is sawed into dimension lumber for building purposes.

At the time this mill site was first occupied, a very large amount of lumber was growing in the immediate vicinity, and, although the larger timber trees have disappeared, the growth of lumber is sufficiently rapid in the territory to the north and west of the mill to warrant its continued operation.

#### C. H. V. SMITH'S MANUFACTORY.

Mr. Smith, whose beautiful residence is situated upon an eminence upon the south side of the Wilton road, and very near what might be termed the geographical center of the farm which the original Benjamin Hopkins carved out of the Charlestown school farm as a home for himself, has recently become the owner of the shop or mill at the lower end of the village, upon Nashua street, which at one time was connected with a wheel propelled by power obtained by means of an obstruction in the river which could hardly be called a dam.

Mr. Smith is building up a substantial industry, employing fifteen hands in the manufacture of house finish, chair stock, boxes, brush backs, broom handles, etc. Steam power is used exclusively, and the value of the annual product is estimated at twenty thousand dollars.

#### FURNITURE FACTORY OF FRENCH AND HEALD.

This business is carried on in the building near the stone dam a few rods below the suspension bridge erected by Joseph Lund and known years ago as the "Steam mill," from the fact that it was the first building in town in which steam power was used to any extent. At one time Fernald & Perkins were tenants, manufacturing sash, doors, and blinds. Andrew Fuller was another occupant, doing a large business in mirror and picture frames.



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## FRENCH & HEALD'S FURNITURE FACTORY.



The business now carried on by French & Heald consists almost exclusively of the manufacture of furniture, and for nearly forty years David Heald has been connected with it. For five years, from 1888 to 1893, Mr. Heald had as partners, Joseph W. Howard and Charles French of Nashua. Mr. French still remains in the business, and the style of the firm at the present time is French & Heald.

The motive power of the mill is steam, which compares favorably, so far as expense is concerned, with water power as the refuse material supplies the boilers with fuel. The value of the annual average product of the factory for the last five years has been one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the average number of hands employed has been about one hundred. The lumber used is in part obtained in this neighborhood, but the amount shipped by rail from a distance is large.

From the time Mr. Heald identified himself with this business it has had a continuous and persistent life. Few enterprises have been prosecuted longer, and it is not easy to estimate the benefit conferred upon the town by Mr. Heald, who has remained in business for so long a time, during which several periods of financial embarrassment have visited the entire country.

#### BARTLETT'S HOSIERY MILLS.

Among the industries in town which have been introduced at a comparatively recent date, the hosiery mill of P. Bartlett & Son has a prominent place. This and several smaller industries have in large measure made good to the town the loss which it suffered in the destruction by fire of the Souhegan Cotton Mill, twenty-five years ago.

The business of which we would here give a brief description, was established in 1886, by Persons Bartlett and his son, Fred B. Bartlett.

The firm came to town ten years ago as strangers, but they brought with them experience and capital. Their factory is located upon Nashua street, immediately below the plant of Hon. John McLane. Ladies', misses', and infants' woolen hosiery is manufactured upon an extensive scale. A steam engine of sufficient power propels the machinery.

The annual average value of the product of the mill is



\$90,000, and the number of hands employed when the mill is in full operation, is one hundred and forty; monthly pay-roll, \$3,000. The town has shown its appreciation of the service rendered by this firm by sending both its members as representatives to the general court.

#### MCLANE'S POST-OFFICE FURNITURE MANUFACTORY.

In the year 1880, Hon. John McLane commenced the business of manufacturing post-office furniture, and three years later bought the mill property on Nashua street, then known as the Fuller mills. Securing the ownership of several valuable patents relating to post-office boxes he enlarged his business to a considerable extent. In 1885, finding his factory inadequate to supply the growing demand for improved post-office equipments he started a factory in Chicago, Ill., where twenty-five men were employed—40 remaining at work upon the home plant. In 1888, having largely increased his facilities for rapidly producing post-office outfits at home, and the lease of his Chicago manufactory having expired, the machinery of that establishment was removed to Milford. Now all manufacturing is done in this town. An office and salesroom are continued at Chicago as a matter of convenience in the distribution of the product of his factory.

A small business has become an extensive and profitable affair. More than 12,000 post-office outfits have been made and sold. They have been sent into every state and territory and into nearly every county in the United States. The business was never more prosperous than at the present time, and is one of the substantial industries of the town. Number of hands employed 1897, between thirty and forty.

Mr. McLane also employs from fifteen to twenty hands in the manufacture of baskets of all kinds.

#### THE FOSTER TANNERY.

The only tanning establishment in town is now owned and until recently was operated by Albert J. Foster of Boston, Mass. It is situated upon the site of the old tannery which was erected some sixty years ago by Humphrey Moore, upon the easterly portion of his farm a few rods south of Elm street.

The names of John Ramsdell, Jacob Gove, Francis J. French, and James Lewis are remembered among those who for nearly half a century owned and occupied the plant, doing a business varying in amount at different times.

In 1884, the buildings were destroyed by fire. The present structure is large enough to accommodate a business five times as large as that done in the earlier years of the enterprise.

Mr. Foster became the owner of the real estate in 1885, and with abundant capital has done by far the largest business in the history of the tannery, giving employment to 125 men upon the average, with a large cash pay-roll. General tanning of upper leather has been, perhaps, the leading business of the concern, but the morocco dressing department has been one of the largest of the kind in America.

The value of the annual product of this tannery amounts to \$350,000—a considerable part of which is sold in Europe.

Hemlock bark is used in vast quantities; until a comparatively recent date the bark was obtained in this vicinity, but at the present time a large portion is transported by rail a considerable distance.

This industry, under the enterprising ownership and management of Mr. Foster, is contributing very largely to the material prosperity of the town.

#### THE BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS.

Among the industries which flourished in town nearly half a century ago at a time when the population of the town was rapidly increasing, the manufacture of boots and shoes on an extensive scale had a prominent place.

The business was established by John Mills in a small shop at his residence near the East Milford station. He afterwards had as partners James Lewis and William Lane, and the business was carried on upon an extensive scale in the buildings now occupied by John McLane. Very few shoes were manufactured, but boots in cow-hide, kip, and calf-skin were turned out in quantities sufficient to supply a very large demand.

Farmers and workingmen generally wore cow-hide or kip boots for the larger part of the year. Business and professional men, for eight months of the year at least, wore calf

boots with legs of full length, no other footwear except low shoes in summer, being used by this class forty and fifty years ago. The name of John Mills, Mills & Lewis, or Mills, Lewis & Lane attached to goods of their manufacture was a guaranty of the best stock and workmanship.

The business, perhaps, reached its highest volume about the year 1850. The work was done for the most part by men, many of whom were exceedingly skillful in their trade. This was before the day machinery was used to any considerable extent in the manufacture of boots and shoes. The business attracted a good class of men with families, who remained in town after the industry had given way to other branches of business. In a smaller way the same kind of goods was manufactured by Lane & Dickey, Stephen C. Coburn, Joel W. Hamblett, and others, and for many years Milford boots and shoes were sold in almost every town in the United States.

#### THE MILFORD PLOW COMPANY.

Among the industries which added very much to the volume of business done in town nearly fifty years ago was that carried on by the Milford Plow Company. It was not an incorporated company, but a partnership composed of Daniel Putnam, Leonard Chase, John G. Raymond, George W. Came, and Abel Chase.

Within the memory of many persons the old-fashioned plow with a wooden mould-board covered to a greater or less extent with thin plates of iron was in use. The smaller plows gave way to those made of iron and steel before the farmers were content to surrender their breaking up plows with wooden mould-boards.

A radical change from the old style to the new gave a great impetus to the plow-making business. David Duncklee was for many years in the business and was succeeded by his son, William P. Duncklee. About the year 1850 (this was before the day of trusts and combinations) the men already named organized the plow-making business upon an extensive scale. The leading pattern was the celebrated Eagle plow, which included every size needed by the farmers of New England, from the smallest horse plow to the largest sod plow. Some

were made of an unusually large size for the especial purpose of road building and repairing. So large was the demand for these plows, and so wide was the market, that in 1852 fifty hands were employed in their manufacture.

In connection with the manufacture and sale of plows, this company at its sales-rooms in the old depot store upon the ground now occupied by the Brookline & Milford Railroad as a depot, kept for sale other agricultural implements in large variety, so that for a few years the town had a large trade in this kind of merchandise. The organization of very large concerns to manufacture farm implements, by degrees concentrated the business and this industry after a few prosperous years ceased to exist in Milford.

## IRON FOUNDRIES.

The iron-foundry business was established in Milford about the year 1842 by Daniel Cram. The building in which the business was first carried on, was located on Nashua street, upon, or very near, the spot now occupied by the hosiery mill, and was built by Daniel Putnam who afterwards became a member of the firm of Cram & Putnam. This firm was succeeded by Putnam & Chase.

At first stove and plow castings were the leading articles manufactured, but from the beginning castings of all kinds were made for farmers, mill-owners, and the general public. At first no stove bearing the name, or known as the product of the Milford foundry, was manufactured, but before the firm of Putnam & Chase was dissolved, in the year 1849, the Granite State cook stove was put upon the market and largely introduced by this enterprising firm, owning and operating the foundry. None of the foregoing proprietors were practical workmen, and in 1849, the business passed into the hands of Pratt, Hill & Company. This firm was made up of William Pratt, Samuel H. Hill, Azro Jones, and George W. Bosworth.

Pratt had been connected with the business as a workman from its foundation, and Hill, Jones, and Bosworth were skilled foundrymen. In a few months Hill and Jones left the firm, the name and style of which was changed to Pratt & Bosworth.

In January, 1854, Henry M. Bird became interested as a

partner, and during the remainder of the time the business was carried on in Milford, the firm was known as Pratt, Bosworth & Company.

At the time Putnam & Chase disposed of their interest in the foundry business, only some seven or eight men were employed, but afterwards the business of the foundry gradually increased until at times twenty-five men were employed.

The stove known as the North Star cooking stove was patented by Pratt, Bosworth & Company, and had a very large sale in all parts of New England and in the Middle and Western states.

As business increased, the accommodations upon Nashua street were found to be altogether insufficient, and a new foundry was erected upon the line of the Wilton Railroad near the present location of the Fitchburg Railroad station. At this point which gave the plant a close connection with the railroad, a large and profitable business was carried on until the year 1856, when, owing to an unusual advance in the price of iron, and the financial depression which culminated a year later in the panic of 1857, the foundry ceased to do business. Largest annual product of the foundry, \$40,000 to \$50,000.

No attempt has been made during the last forty years to re-establish the iron foundry business in Milford, the tendency having been during this time in the direction of large manufacturing establishments located within easy reach of iron and coal.

#### THE GRANITE BUSINESS.

From the settlement of the town it has been known that in its soil were located vast ledges or quarries of granite, and stone has always been liberally used for underpinning, bridges, and faced walls, but it was not until the town became possessed of railroad facilities that granite became an article of commerce to any considerable extent.

It is difficult to decide the exact date when the first quarrying operations were inaugurated, but something over seventy-five years ago a quarry was opened in the southwestern portion of the town on Burns hill. It is a rugged rise of land and forms a part of a chain of hills that reaches back in a southerly direction.



The opening of the Wilton railroad, in 1851, made it possible to ship stone to out-of-town customers at a profit, and from this date the quarrying of stone has been one of the leading industries of the town. The side tracks upon the Wilton railroad, and more recently, the tracks of the Fitchburg road, have brought all the quarries upon the south side of the river into close connection with the markets of the country.

The building of the Fitchburg branch added largely to the value of the Burns hill quarries, and it is estimated that nearly a thousand tons of granite per month go out from this hill. The granite lies near the surface in large, even sheets, and it is possible to quarry dimension stone, as it splits with remarkable evenness.

While the quarries of building stone have been in process of development, the demand for granite for monumental purposes has rapidly increased, and on the hills in the southeasterly portion of the town are found quarries of the finest grade of monumental stone. These quarries were first opened some twenty-five or thirty years ago, and the stone brought to the attention of the trade, with whom it immediately found favor, and during the last ten or fifteen years the quarries have been thoroughly opened to a depth of thirty to fifty feet.

The color of this monumental stone varies in different quarries. There are found white, pink, light and dark blue, all of which are very fine in grain, clear and bright in color, and remarkably free from imperfections which are usually found in fine granites. The lighter granites are especially adapted for fine carved work, statuary, and anything requiring extra fine workmanship. The blue shows a greater contrast between the cut and polished parts than any other granite in use. It is the strongest granite worked; the crushing test is 24,950 lbs. to the cubic inch. These fine granites lie in large, even sheets from two to ten feet thick, and any size can be quarried with very little delay.

During the last few years stone has been quarried for large monuments, mausoleums, and memorials, which have been cut here or shipped in the rough to other places to be cut. In a cemetery in Albany, N. Y., there is a monument of the finest workmanship, 16 feet high and weighing 35 tons, quarried in

this section of the town. While thousands of feet of rough granite are shipped every month, much more is cut by the owners of the quarries who are also manufacturers.

The work turned out is of the highest order, both as to stock and workmanship.

In addition to the more common uses of granite for building purposes and monumental work, the stone from the southeastern quarries is being used by sculptors, many fine specimens of statuary having been cut and executed.

Wherever granite is used for the finer purposes there is necessarily produced a large amount of coarser stock, and the shipments of this latter class from the tracks of the Wilton railroad in the form of paving stones, curb stones, etc., have been and continues very large.

Not only are extensive ledges found upon the south side of the river, but the same stone comes to the surface in valuable quarries in the northerly portion of the town, and the product is used not only for the more common purposes but for the finer uses to which the best granite is put.

A monumental shaft, twenty-four feet in length and forming a cube three feet by three, and another thirty feet in length, the other dimensions being the same, were cut upon this side and shipped to Philadelphia.

The location of the quarries upon the north side of the river, some three miles from the railroad station in the village, has seriously interfered with their operation. Yet, in the face of these difficulties, a large amount of stone has been shipped from this part of the town.

The annual product of our quarries was estimated ten years ago at 20,000 tons. Since that time the output has been largely increased. Recently polishing mills, capable of handling and finishing the largest blocks, have been put in operation.

The number of men employed has constantly increased until this industry leads all others in importance. In fact, the quarrying and manufacture of granite has assumed such proportions that it has made the town known in all sections of the country.

According to the recollection of the writer, Capt. Peter Burns was the pioneer quarryman, and was succeeded by his sons, John M. and Luther M. Nathan Merrill was also an early operator.

At different times the following individuals, firms, and corporations, in addition to those already named, have been engaged in quarrying or manufacturing this product of our soil. The list is by no means complete: Edward G. Kittredge, Charles W. Stevens, The Stevens Granite Company, William H. Young & Son, The Milford Granite Company, F. J. Fuller, The Pone-mah Granite Co., Pond & Lovejoy, Milford Gregg, George Faulkner, Miller & Luce, H. W. & J. L. Hayden, King & Robertson, Burnett Brothers, The New Westerly Granite Company, Yule & Ingram, Comi Bros., Souhegan Granite Company.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

MASONRY IN MILFORD—ODD FELLOWSHIP—DAUGHTERS OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION—REMINISCENCES OF THE TOWN, BY  
JESSE HUTCHINSON, SR.—THE MILFORD LYCEUM.

### MASONIC.

Benevolent lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., was chartered by the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, April 26, 1797, and was consecrated in the Congregational meeting-house in Amherst, August 10, 1797, by Nathaniel Adams, deputy grand master, and the following officers were installed: Brothers Samuel Dana, worshipful master; Luther Dana, senior warden; and Jonathan Gove, junior warden.

The meetings in Amherst were held for a few years in the southwest chamber of Dr. Matthias Spalding's house, being the large square house at the west end of Amherst Common, on the north side of the road leading to Milford, and later the meetings were held at other places, till 1822 when, to obtain better accommodations and for the convenience of the members, the removal of the lodge to Milford was agitated. This met with much opposition until the spring of 1826, when it was voted to remove the lodge to Milford on condition that it should be returned to Amherst whenever the majority of the lodge should so desire.

The lodge was located in Milford in June, 1826. Meetings were held for several years in the second story of the building now owned by Judge R. M. Wallace, upon the corner of Union square and South street. The hall in the Buxton tavern also furnished accommodation for the lodge for a considerable time.

In common with all Masonic lodges it felt the effects of the anti-Masonry agitation which was especially active from 1826 to 1833. Some work was done in 1828. The last return to the grand lodge was made in 1832, but meetings were held till 1835. The grand lodge declared its charter forfeited in June,

1840. The masters of the lodge previous to the forfeiture of the charter were as follows :

Samuel Dana, 1797-'98 ; Jonathan Gove, 1798-1800 ; Daniel Warner, 1800-'01 ; Charles H. Atherton, 1801-'04 ; Daniel Warner, 1804-'05 ; Thomas Beede, 1805-'08 ; Daniel Warner, 1808-'11 ; Aaron Whitney, 1811-'13 ; Thomas Beede, 1813-'14 ; Ephraim Blanchard, 1814-'16 ; Aaron Whitney, 1816-'19 ; Ephraim Blanchard, 1819-'20 ; Ira A. Wilkins, 1820-'22 ; Jedediah Holt, 1822-'23 ; Isaac Sawtelle, 1823-'25 ; Ensign Bailey, 1825-'28 ; Josiah Crosby, 2d, 1828-'30 ; Adam Dickey, 1830-'32 ; Thomas Bennett, 1832-'35.

The charter was reissued by the grand lodge, September 25, 1858. The lodge reorganized November 16, 1858, and District Deputy Grand Master Aaron P. Hughes of Nashua installed the following officers :

Isaac Sawtelle, worshipful master ; Joseph A. Starrett, senior warden ; Leonard Chase, junior warden ; Joseph Tucker, treasurer ; Daniel Russell, secretary ; Bainbridge Wadleigh, senior deacon ; William Washington Robbins, junior deacon.

The following brothers were also members on the restoration of the charter : Thomas Bennett, Ensign Bailey, Phineas Stimpson, Nathaniel Bruce, Mark D. Perkins, and C. R. Beard.

From the reorganization of the lodge till April, 1892, the lodge rented the hall of the Odd Fellows in the block at the corner of Union square and South street. During the winter of 1891 and 1892, the lodge, with King Solomon chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, secured and fitted up a hall in the third story of the public library building, which was dedicated and consecrated April 12, 1892, by the grand officers of the grand lodge of the state. In the evening of the same day there was a grand banquet, followed by an oration by Bro. Charles H. Burns.

The lodge rooms are furnished with heavy brussels carpet, solid mahogany furniture, the walls and ceiling being finely frescoed, with a large banquet hall on the next floor. There are few lodges that have so elegant, convenient, and comfortable a home.

Since the reorganization it has been prosperous in a marked degree, and has numbered among its members some of the most



prominent men of the state, and has had a total membership of about four hundred and sixty-six.

The present officers are as follows: William Henry Quinlan, worshipful master; William Henry Weed Hinds, senior warden; Edgar Irving Kendall, junior warden; James Enoch Webster, treasurer; William Matthias Knowlton, secretary; Hubert Williams Amsden, senior deacon; Carroll Bruce Robinson, junior deacon; Hugh McDonald, senior steward; Arthur Robinson Webster, junior steward; Samuel Appleton Gutterson, tyler; James Cheyne, inside sentinel; Andrew Judson Hutchinson, chaplain; Henry Hiram Barber, marshal; Andrew Judson Hutchinson, representative.

The past masters since its reorganization have been: Isaac Sawtelle, 1858-'60; Norman Burdick, 1860-'62; Charles Francis Conant, 1862-'64; Nathan Hutchinson, 1864-'66; James H. Parmalee, 1866-'67; William Henry Weed Hinds, 1867-'70; James Means Blanchard, 1870-'72; William Matthias Knowlton, 1872-'74; George Henry Drew, 1874-'77; Charles Freeman Fisk, 1877-'78; William Washington Robbins, 1878-'80; Charles Edward Smith, 1880-'82; John McLane, 1882-'84; Frank William Richardson, 1884-'86; Royal Mansfield, 1886-'88; Henry Hiram Barber, 1888-'90; Albert Wellington Smith, 1890-'92; Frederick Willis Sawyer, 1892-'94; Henry Clay Buxton, 1894-'96; Andrew Judson Hutchinson, 1896-'98; William Henry Quinlan, 1898, and is present master.

The present membership is one hundred and forty-seven (1899).

#### KING SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 17, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

November 26th, 1868, Nathaniel W. Cumner, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, issued a dispensation to companions Charles Henry Burns to act as high priest, Nathan Hutchinson to act as king, and William W. Giddings to act as scribe, empowering them to confer the mark master, past master, most excellent master, and royal arch degrees in Wilton, N. H. The first meeting was held December 16th, 1868. A charter was granted by the Grand chapter June 8th, 1869, and accepted by the chapter September 13th, 1869. The chapter lost all its furniture, jewels, and parapher-

nalía by fire, December 2, 1874, and a second time, January 20, 1881.

After the second fire the chapter held its meetings temporarily in Masonic hall, Milford, until May, 1885. It was then unanimously voted to remove to Milford permanently, and the Grand Chapter authorized the removal of the chapter to Milford.

The most excellent high priests since its organization have been: Charles H. Burns, Henry H. Barber, Nathan Hutchinson, John McLane, Stephen C. Fletcher, Albert W. Smith, William H. W. Hinds, Frank W. Richardson, George E. Neville, Henry C. Buxton, David W. Russell, Carl E. Knight, Isaac H. Carlton, Frederick W. Sawyer, William M. Knowlton, Andrew J. Hutchinson, Calvin H. Averill.

The officers for 1899 are: Andrew J. Hutchinson, high priest; William H. Quinlan, king; William M. Knowlton, scribe; Henry H. Barber, treasurer; Frederick W. Sawyer, secretary; Frank W. Richardson, captain of host; Isaac H. Carlton, principal sojourner; Benjamin F. Foster, royal arch captain; Hugh McDonald, master third veil; Fred J. Kendall, master second veil; William H. W. Hinds, master first veil; Edward L. Kittredge, senior steward; Abbott W. Turner, junior steward; Samuel A. Gutterson, sentinel; Rev. John Thorpe, chaplain. The present membership is one hundred and twenty-seven.

#### PURITAN CHAPTER, No. 29, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

In the latter part of 1897, through the influence and earnest efforts of a few Masons, interest became aroused in the organization of a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. A dispensation from the Grand Chapter was obtained and a charter membership of sixty-five secured, and on the 19th of January, 1898, Puritan Chapter, No. 29, O. E. S., was organized.

The chapter remained under dispensation until September of that year, when, at the annual meeting of the Grand chapter it was voted to grant a charter to the Milford chapter.

At the last regular meeting of the year, November 29th, the grand officers and the officers of Charity chapter, No. 25, O. E. S., from Wilton, who had assisted in its organization,

visited Puritan chapter, at which time they instituted and consecrated it and presented the charter.

Andrew J. Hutchinson has been worthy patron, and Effie C. Hutchinson, his wife, has been worthy matron from the time of organization through the first two years of the life of the chapter.

The membership the first of May, 1899, was sixty-nine, two of the original members having left this chapter and six new members having been elected.

The present officers are : Effie C. Hutchinson, worthy matron ; Andrew J. Hutchinson, worthy patron ; Annie L. Heald, associate matron ; Susan H. Kendall, secretary ; Susan A. Bartlett, treasurer ; Ada R. Huse, marshal ; Mary C. Perkins, conductress ; Annie F. Webster, associate conductress ; Annie B. Holt, warden ; George S. Stevens, sentinel ; Edith W. Cheyne, Adah ; Maude K. Hinds, Ruth ; Fannie C. Averill, Esther ; Blanche A. Bruce, Martha ; Grace G. Jewett, Electa ; Emlie H. Farnsworth, organist ; Annie J. Warren, chaplain.

#### ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF BENEVOLENT LODGE.

The most notable event in the Masonic history of Milford and the life of Benevolent lodge occurred St. John's day, June 24, 1897, it being the day chosen for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Masonic lodge.

The public services were held in the Congregational church ; introductory prayer by Bro. A. J. Rich, chaplain.

Worshipful Master Andrew J. Hutchinson, a native of the town and a descendant of one of the first settlers, made the following address of welcome :

**BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:** It is with feelings of deep joy and gratitude we hail this day on which we celebrate the founding in our midst of this ancient and honorable institution. Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial ; honorable, as tending to make all men so who are strictly obedient to its precepts.

I count it exceedingly appropriate that we commence our exercises commemorative of this event in the house of God. Our ancient and honorable institution is founded on His Word, and all its teachings tend to lift men into closer likeness to their Divine Creator.

In behalf of Benevolent lodge, I, as worshipful master, do most heartily and sincerely welcome you all to our centennial celebration.

May the exercises of the day and evening bring to *all pleasure* and serve to strengthen and extend the principles of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

As we review the one hundred years since our beloved lodge was instituted, our hearts warm with gratitude toward those who have labored to dispense true Masonic light and teaching in our midst and to support and maintain the constitution and general regulations of the most worshipful grand lodge, and to you, especially, most worshipful grand master, I extend a sincere Masonic welcome, and I assure you that the pleasure of this occasion is greatly enhanced by your presence and the honorable brethren of the most worshipful grand lodge. May your visit to Milford bring you pleasure and the assurance that nowhere in the old Granite state is there a lodge *more loyal* to the grand body than old Benevolent, No. 7.

We are honored by the presence of His Excellency, Governor Ramsdell and staff, to whom I extend a most cordial welcome. Milford may well be proud of our governor, who is a native of our town, and whom in honoring with the exalted position he so ably fills in our commonwealth, the people of New Hampshire have honored themselves. We are early taught in Masonry that we should never lose sight of the allegiance we owe to our country and the laws under whose protection we live. I assure you, honorable sir, you will find us, as true Masons, ever ready to hold up your hands in your official efforts for the suppression of evil and the attainment of good.

Brethren, the men who in the early history of Benevolent lodge labored and sacrificed for the principles of our beloved order have passed to their reward. I must think to-day that they with us look upon the result of their labors and with us rejoice in the completion of a century of usefulness and helpfulness. They have been gathered to the land of their fathers, but by the sprig of acacia we are reminded of that better part within, which never dies.

Let us see to it that we fill their places worthily. Let us be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet, always walking and acting with a dignity becoming the high moral character of our venerable institution, ever remembering that we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Following this address was the response of most worshipful grand master of the grand lodge, Henry A. Marsh, of Nashua.

The oration, which was given by Past Grand Master Henry E. Burnham of Manchester, was one of his most eloquent efforts, closing as follows:

Conscious that the past is secure and that the present is bright with the most cheering omens, you now salute with pride and joy the coming century, and deliver to its keeping this Masonic lodge, Benev-

olent in name and thrice benevolent in every deed and word and thought.

Voices from the past bid this beloved association Godspeed as it goes down the years; responses from the grateful heart of the present cheer it on, while the future, bidding it welcome, receives the blessed gift and will pronounce its benediction, as wisdom guides and controls its counsels, strength sustains and makes triumphant all its efforts, and beauty adorns and glorifies its perfect work, through all the centuries that are to come.

The historical address was given by Bro. Frank W. Richardson, and was worthy of the occasion. It was an exhaustive history of Masonry in Milford and vicinity for one hundred years, and indicated a thorough familiarity with the subject of the address. It was listened to with the deepest attention and at its close the author was complimented upon the masterly manner in which he had presented the subject of his discourse. Nothing but lack of space prevents the introduction of the entire address in this volume.

#### THE BANQUET.

At 5:30 o'clock the Masons and their ladies proceeded to the town hall, where covers were laid for five hundred. On account of the lack of time, the post-prandial exercises were abbreviated. Short speeches were made by His Excellency, George A. Ramsdell, and Hon. Charles H. Burns. The latter eloquently complimented the ladies for the abundance of good things with which they had loaded the tables.

#### RECEPTION AND BALL.

The reception tendered the governor and his staff (all of whom are Masons of high degree) and the officers of the grand lodge was in keeping with the entire programme of the day. The grand march was led by Worshipful Master Hutchinson and wife, followed by the governor and wife, members of his staff, officers of the grand lodge, visiting brethren, invited guests, and members of Benevolent lodge. Over one hundred and twenty-five couples were in line, and under the skilful management of the master of ceremonies, Col. F. E. Kaley, and his able assistants, everything passed off in an agreeable manner. It was not until two o'clock that the last strains of



music were heard announcing the closing of this happy and most delightful event.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

*Custos Morum Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F.*

In 1854 a dispensation was granted by the grand lodge of New Hampshire to E. G. Newton, S. C. Forsaith, F. C. Webb, David Cram, J. G. Savage, E. C. Batchelder, and N. W. Burke, to organize a lodge of Odd Fellows in Milford. They secured the attic in Wheeler's block, being the same floor the lodge now occupies, and fitted it for a lodge room. The lodge was instituted December 26, 1854.

The following brethren were duly installed by the grand master: Bro. E. G. Newton, N. G.; S. C. Forsaith, V. G.; N. W. Burke, secretary; J. G. Savage, treasurer.

The membership at the close of the first meeting was twenty-two. During the year following twenty-six were initiated, making the membership at the close of its first year forty-eight.

In 1867 the roof of the hall was raised, making a fine room 30 by 40, with large and convenient anterooms, all of which were newly furnished. In 1878 the rooms were again refitted with new carpets and furniture.

The following brothers have served as noble grands: E. G. Newton, S. C. Forsaith, S. Guild, O. O. Roberts, E. C. Batchelder, W. P. Buell, S. C. Coburn, O. P. Smart, J. M. Burdick, Abel Chase, Ira Holt, J. M. Stanyan, F. N. Boutwell, S. B. Emerson, T. J. Hartwell, James Blood, J. L. Spring, J. S. Masseck, R. Mansfield, Wm. M. Knowlton, J. P. Wood, D. F. Thompson, A. W. Heald, C. A. Kittredge, J. B. Heald, M. C. Rich, H. W. Spalding, J. B. Fretts, A. H. McIntire, J. C. Bennett, John W. Crosby, Milton Parker, C. J. Shaw, H. C. Shaw, C. P. Rossiter, C. R. Howard, M. S. Hall, F. I. Abbott, W. K. Emerson, Reuben Batchelder, J. M. Laws, R. H. Pierce, G. H. Needham, G. C. Farwell, D. N. Goodwin, Jason Hutchinson, H. S. Gilson, N. H. Brown, A. J. Hutchinson, Henry Kirby, G. E. Barber, Everett Stickney, B. F. Foster, J. A. Mixer, C. W. Dodge, Dustin Rideout, N. F. Brown, G. A. McIntire, G. H. Eaton, T. H. Frye, J. F. Osgood, Jr., L. L. Talbot, F. W. Barnes, A. A. Coffin, C. A. Langdell, C. S.

Emerson, F. B. Wilkins, F. O. Loring, C. F. Hazelton, Geo. K. Boutelle, H. W. Amsden, Fred J. Kendall, John C. Hutchinson, William A. Guild, Samuel A. Gutterson, Edgar I. Kendall, Henry F. Warren, Charles L. Wilkins, Leon Z. Watkins.

Secretaries have been: N. W. Burke, C. A. Fifield, J. M. Burdick, W. P. Buell, I. Holt, J. E. Mackey, J. M. Stanyan, S. B. Emerson, J. S. Masseck, R. Mansfield, J. N. Lovejoy, Wm. M. Knowlton, J. P. Woods, J. A. Hall, A. W. Heald, M. C. Rich, H. K. Lancaster, H. W. Spalding, M. Parker, W. K. Emerson, H. C. Shaw, J. B. Heald, C. J. Shaw, C. R. Howard, M. S. Hall, G. E. Barber, E. Stickney, F. J. Kendall, W. M. Mills, P. A. Powers, C. A. Langdell, F. W. Barnes, J. W. Hutchinson, J. L. Langdell, A. A. Coffin, Charles A. Langdell.

The treasurers have been: J. G. Savage, J. Lancaster, Ira Holt, James Mellen, O. P. Smart, J. B. Fretts, S. Guild, S. C. Coburn, S. B. Emerson, J. M. Burdick, J. L. Spring, Wm. M. Knowlton, J. B. Heald.

Brother Knowlton held the office twenty-six years, and also served upon the board of trustees for a still longer term.

The total amount of money received since the

lodge was instituted is . . . . .	\$36,812.93
Paid for sick benefits . . . . .	\$8,564.56
for burial of the dead . . . . .	1,831.00
for charity . . . . .	771.94
for rent . . . . .	4,419.57
for expenses . . . . .	13,836.02
The lodge had an invested fund Jan. 1, 1899, of	7,026.20
and cash on hand . . . . .	363.64
making . . . . .	<hr/> \$36,812.93

The lodge has furnished three grand masters: Bros. W. P. Buell, O. P. Smart, and John L. Spring.

It is not known who selected the name "Custos Morum" (the Guardian of Morality), but her influence has helped to make men true to themselves, their homes, and their country.

Present officers, 1899: Leon Z. Watkins, noble grand; A. M. Wilkins, vice grand; Charles A. Langdell, recording secretary; Harry A. Wilkins, financial secretary; J. B. Heald, treasurer.

Present membership, January 1, 1899, two hundred and eleven.

*Prospect Hill Encampment.*

Early in 1873 a strong desire was felt on the part of ten members of Custos Morum lodge for an encampment which should confer the so-called sublime degrees of Odd Fellowship in Milford, and on December 24th of that year Prospect Hill encampment, No. 21, was instituted by Grand Patriarch John L. Spring, assisted by other grand officers.

Although the charter members were few and additions to their ranks during the early years were slow, yet a few were ever faithful and labored earnestly till Patriarchial Odd Fellowship was established on a firm foundation in town.

The encampment is now in a prosperous condition, having one hundred and seven members at the present time.

With funds increasing year by year and a good degree of interest among the patriarchs, there is every reason to believe that the encampment will continue to be an important factor in this branch of Odd Fellowship.

Present officers of encampment: John C. Hutchinson, chief patriarch; Fred J. Kendall, high priest; James H. Fay, senior warden; Fred W. Barnes, junior warden; David F. Thompson, treasurer; Frank O. Loring, scribe.

Past chief patriarchs: John W. Crosby, Charles J. Shaw, David F. Thompson, Milton Parker, John A. Hood, Benjamin F. Foster, David N. Goodwin, Jason E. Hutchinson, Henry A. Kirby, John Fletcher, Charles W. Dodge, Joseph F. Eaton, Charles R. Howard, Nelson H. Brown, Joel F. Osgood, Nathan F. Brown, Timothy H. Frye, Leroy L. Talbot, Charles E. Kendall, Everett Stickney, Dustin Rideout, Charles A. Langedell, George H. Eaton, Samuel A. Gutterson, Charles M. Willard, Abel A. Coffin, Jarvis S. Stowell, James B. Pettingill, Charles L. Wilkins, Charles F. Ober, Ernest A. Peabody, Clarence H. Wilson, Worcester L. Winslow, Richard M. Moore, David A. Vittum, Samuel E. Johnson, Charles S. Emerson, Hubert W. Amsden, Hugh A. Quigley, James MacDonald, Charles B. Heald, Harvey W. Donaghy.

CUSTOS MORUM REBEKAH LODGE.

The poet has said,—

“ God never made an independent man,  
’T would mar the concord of His general plan.”

Acting in this belief Milford Odd Fellows began to agitate the formation of a Rebekah lodge, that the wives, daughters, and sisters might unite with them in promoting the good of the order.

A charter was granted, and on December 6, 1884, Grand Master Lewis Malvern instituted Custos Morum Rebekah lodge, with one hundred and ten charter members.

From this promising beginning has grown the largest secret organization in town, pledged to fulfil the obligation “ to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan.”

Bro. D. N. Goodwin, the first noble grand, was followed in order by Charles W. Dodge, Georgia A. Gutterson, Georgia E. Stickney, Eliza A. Talbot, Lydia A. Hutchinson, Nettie L. Goodwin, Esther M. Thompson, Meretta Parker, Julia M. Gilson, Hattie L. Farwell, Mattie I. Parker, Henrietta Shattuck, Jennie E. Ober.

In 1891 a degree staff was organized and paraphernalia purchased.

The lodge has ever been prosperous, and is striving to be a power for good in town by carrying out the principles of friendship, love, and truth.

The officers for the year 1899 are: Grace B. Baker, N. G. ; Sarah L. Watkins, V. G. ; Georgia E. Stickney, R. S. ; Lydia A. Hutchinson, F. S. ; Anna J. Warren, treasurer ; Florence Amsden, warden ; Carrie L. Parker, conductor ; Alice Barker, I. G. ; Leona Parker, O. G. ; Julia M. Gilson, R. S. N. G. ; Hattie Farwell, L. S. N. G. ; Ella Stickney, R. S. V. G. ; Belle E. Hill, L. S. V. G. ; Blanche Woodman, chaplain ; Georgia E. Stickney, D. D. G. M. for four years.

Whole number of members at present time, two hundred and eighty-four.

#### DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The “ Milford ” chapter was organized October 19, 1895, the anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, with the following officers and charter members: Mrs. Susan A.

Bartlett, chapter regent ; Mrs. H. E. Foster, vice regent ; Mrs. Josephine S. French, corresponding secretary ; Miss Susan H. Kimball, recording secretary ; Mrs. Maria Hamblett, treasurer ; Mrs. A. R. Worcester, registrar ; Mrs. Ellen McLane, historian ; Mrs. A. K. Batchelder, Mrs. Fannie S. Wilkins, Mrs. Ella M. Wallace, Mrs. Sarah M. Kimball, Miss Caroline Crosby, board of management.

The society has grown steadily since its organization, and with its purpose to promote good citizenship, patriotism, to protect the memories and relics of the past, and to keep alive the precious family and social historic associations, it should be ranked as one of the essential organizations of the town.

## INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

Copy of letter by Jesse Hutchinson, Sen., published in the *Milford Mirror*, Dec. 23, 1847 :

We are indebted to one of our oldest and most respectable fellow-citizens for the following interesting reminiscences of olden times, which we doubt not will prove highly entertaining to most of our readers. The writer is now nearly seventy years of age, but his manuscript is written in a bold and legible hand. He has a remarkable memory, and distinctly recollects events that took place nearly sixty years ago. He says:

I was born in the town of Amherst, south parish, Feb. 3, 1778, and have had an opportunity of knowing something of the progress that has been made during the last sixty-five years in said parish, which has been, for the last fifty-four years, called the town of Milford. Previous to the erection of the first meeting-house, which took place about sixty-three or sixty-four years ago, the inhabitants met on the Sabbath for divine worship at the house of Mr. Jotham Shepard, on the north side of the river, now owned and occupied by Mr. Pomeroy Rossiter. At that time, I think there was no other house on the north side of the river, until you come to the house of Esquire Peabody, now deceased, formerly owned by his father and grandfather.

When the first meeting-house was built I think there were only three houses in the village on the *south* side of the river, one where the tavern is now kept, one now owned by S. K. Livermore, Esq., formerly owned by Esquire Blanchard, and the one where Dr. Fuller has lived for many years. The latter house was occupied as a tavern stand more than fifty years ago by Mr. John Crosby. On Nashua street there was no other house until you came to the late residence of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased, formerly owned by Mr. Conant. I think there was no building on South street except the house of Mr.



Marshall. On the road leading to Wilton there was no house (except the one above mentioned) until you come to the residence of Humphrey Moore. On the spot where Mr. Moore's house now stands stood an old building called the "Grimes House," afterwards owned by Mr. Porter Lummas, then by Benjamin Nichols. If I mistake not the place was bought for about \$1,200 by Mr. Moore about the time he settled as a minister of the gospel in this town.

As I intended, when I commenced this article, to give an account of the ministers that have preached in this place since my recollection, I shall have to return, in order to carry out my purpose, to the early part of my life. When I was a mere child I went to the Jotham Shepard house with my parents to hear the Rev. Mr. Powers; he was considered an excellent preacher and a very godly man. After him came a man by the name of Bullen. From an occurrence which took place at my father's when he (Bullen) was there on a visit, I conclude he was a meek and humble Christian. And it came to pass in those days that there came a man this way by the name of Hutchinson. He was somewhat arbitrary in his way, but he had an excellent memory, having much of the Scripture treasured up in his mind. The above-named ministers of the everlasting gospel (if such they were in truth), were somewhat advanced in years at the time of which I am speaking (1788).

After the meeting-house was finished, and the town incorporated, the people began to feel anxious to have stated preaching; they therefore applied to such men as would be most likely to do the greatest amount of good and give general satisfaction. I will mention some of the divines that supplied the desk previous to the settlement of Mr. Moore. As I cannot recollect the order in which they came I must content myself by giving their names.

The name of Bingham will undoubtedly sound familiar to some of the older citizens of the town. Phineas Randall, a man greatly beloved, received an invitation to settle but gave a negative answer and took his leave. Daniel Merrill, a man who was not ashamed to stand upon a hogshead tub in the open air and sound the gospel trumpet to all who would hear. Asahel Washburn, one of the best men of his time, became somewhat insane when out of the pulpit, but when in the pulpit no signs of insanity appeared. He then spake the words of truth and soberness, not holding man's person in admiration. I think there were the Revs. Mr. Abbott, Fletcher, and Beede; each one in his turn supplied his appointed time, and then retired.

Since Mr. Moore gave up the charge of the Orthodox church and society in this town there have been three others settled, either by ordination or installation. I must hope they were all such men as heaven will approve. Abner Warner, the only one with whom I have had much acquaintance, was a man to be held in high estimation, being free from the fear of man, and having, as it were, the word of the Lord shut up in his bosom. He *must* speak that he might be

refreshed. If man would act in conformity with his preaching, laying aside all malice and guile, hypocrisy and evil speaking, and as newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word, there would be joy in heaven, in presence of the angels of God, and on earth there would be good will to men.

I trust that the object of the present minister (Mr. Kimball) is to hold up truth to the understanding of his hearers in such a striking and inviting light that every one may take warning and flee from the wrath to come. As I had little or no acquaintance with Mr. Salter, I may say with truth that I know no harm of the man. If he be a minister of Jesus Christ he will have boldness on the day of judgment, for the King will say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee a ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

If any one notices any erroneous statements in the above, I should be pleased if he would rectify them.

A. TOWNSMAN.

Second letter by Jesse Hutchinson in the *Mirror* of January 21, 1848 :

In giving my first account, I made mention of but one denomination, the Orthodox. In former days it was called the "Standing Order." I shall now attempt, in my broken way, to give some account of the rise and progress of the Baptist denomination, since my recollection, and mention some of the names of the many ministers that have passed this way, together with those who have made a longer stay.

About sixty years ago there were a few Baptists in the towns now called New Boston, Milford, and Mont Vernon. At that time it was said of them as it has been since, and was in ancient time when Paul went to Rome, "As for this sect, it is everywhere spoken against." I well remember three of the Baptist ministers of that day, namely, Elder Ambrose, Mr. Vickery, and Mr. Jewett. They usually met for worship at the house of Capt. John Bradford, which stood on the ground which Mr. Luther Averill's residence now occupies.

One thing that makes me think Elder Ambrose was a man called by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel of the kingdom is this: When he had gone through with his sermon and closed the meeting, his hearers were not in a hurry to depart, but would linger as though they were anxious to hear more about the kind Saviour who died on Calvary, and of his soon coming to judge the world; for this was a great part of his theme, to speak of the glory of Emanuel, to tell of his beauty, and use all his faculties to persuade men to fall in love with the Saviour before their feet stumbled upon the dark mountains of death. Mr. Vickery, it appeared, was a lover of Bible truth, and labored hard to convince his hearers of its importance. Mr. Jewett was a blind

preacher. I think he was blind from his birth, but his spiritual sight appeared very bright. He laid the axe at the root of the tree, that anyone who did not bring forth good fruit might know that such a tree must be cut down, and cast into the fire.

This state of things did not continue many years, for the love of some waxed cold; some moved away, and some went and joined other denominations, so that in 1798 there were but very few Baptists in this vicinity.

"And it came to pass in those days" that the word of the Lord came to a young man whose name was Thomas; and he came into the hill country of Mont Vernon, and there, on Election day, preached that men must repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. From that time to the present day (if he is still living), I expect he has been doing what he could for the good of mankind for the upholding of Emanuel's kingdom, and the downfall of antichrist.

In those days there was no little stir among the people in that region, for they preached a little as they did eighteen hundred years ago, saying, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

The above-named Thomas has preached in Milford several times. There was Elder Buzzell, Elder Stone, and Dr. Crossman. It would make your nose tingle to hear them preach, there was so much *pinch* to it.

There was Thomas Paul, whom I shall compare to Apollos of old, for he was an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures. Mr. Applebee remained here some time, and preached with as great earnestness as one would run if he were running for his life. Old Elder Perkins, a traveling preacher, came this way. He was very fond of making figures of speech in order to bring the attention of his hearers to bear upon the great subject of salvation.

There was a young man by the name of Bates, who left the occupation of sail-making to sound the gospel jubilee to dead sinners. Mr. Lothrop was a man who possessed an extraordinary memory, for he could not only quote much Scripture, but could tell the book, chapter, and verse where it might be found. It was said that he was deserving of censure for some misdemeanor in after life. Dr. Smilee was a very good man, and a very fluent speaker.

I come now to almost the last, though not least, of the cloud of witnesses that preached in private houses and schoolhouses, as there was no meeting-house in Milford they could have until the Baptist house was built. I refer to the long-to-be-remembered William Eliot of Mason. I have no doubt he will be held in lasting remembrance by many precious souls who received their first serious impressions under his ministry. I think he did not hold the truth in unrighteousness or handle the word of the Lord deceitfully. He preached because he could not help it. He was called from the plough to work

in the vineyard of the Lord; he did not take his theory from commentaries, but from the word of God, as it has been revealed to man. He did not appear to fix a very high estimate upon his services, but placed his whole dependence upon free, sovereign, unmerited grace for salvation.

I come down to the time the Baptist meeting-house was built and partially finished. I think Mr. George Evans was the first that lifted up the voice of prayer in that house. I believe there were some souls that fled from the city of Destruction, and set out for Mount Zion, through his instrumentality. Mr. Evans left Milford, and took up his abode in Manchester. His health has been so poor that he has been obliged to refrain from preaching for a number of years past.

I think Elder Bolles was next in order. He was an excellent speaker, and could say anything he wished with the greatest ease, and his hearers were almost ready to give him their eyes as well as ears; but, notwithstanding all this, after two or three years he thought fit to take his departure for a more genial climate.

The next, I think, was Samuel Everett. I thought he was a very good speaker, for he preached to the hearts and consciences of men, and some were made to rejoice under his ministration. He left this town to preach the gospel in other villages. Some have supposed him insane for some years, because he was led to believe that the coming of the Lord was nigh at hand, even at the door, when the heavens would pass away with a great noise, and the elements would melt with fervent heat; when the earth and the things therein would be burned up, the judgment would be set, and the books opened; when the living would be changed, the dead raised from their sleeping beds and hurried to the judgment seat, to hear their destiny for eternity. If this is insanity, what is the insanity of those who say the Lord delayeth his coming, and begin to smite their fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken?

Mr. Mark Carpenter was the next. He was a very good speaker, orthodox in sentiment, kind in his intercourse with others, pleasing in his manners, and greatly beloved by many. I think there were some souls made willing to flee to Calvary for safety by his instrumentality. It was a grief to many to have him take his leave.

Mr. Remington was an extemporaneous speaker. He labored with great earnestness to persuade men to desert their old master and flee to Jesus Christ for protection without delay. Mr. John Richardson appeared to have a great regard for dying men, and labored hard to persuade them that there was no other way by which they could be saved but by repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Stearns is the present minister. It is the desire of all good people that he may so handle the Word of the Lord that it may prove to all who hear as a fire and hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces.



## THE MILFORD LYCEUM.

This institution, which was organized Nov. 7, 1831, deserves most honorable mention as one of the important factors in the educational development of the town.

At the preliminary meeting, Hon. John Wallace, Jr., presided and John W. Smith, Esq., was secretary.

The committee to draft the constitution consisted of Humphrey Moore, Solomon K. Livermore, and John W. Smith.

Adults of good moral character were admitted to membership on payment of fifty cents; those under eighteen could become members by payment of twenty-five cents.

The constitution provided for the holding of meetings for reading, discussions, and lectures illustrating the sciences, and their application to the common business of life.

It also provided (if sufficient funds could be raised) for a library, a collection of plants, insects, and minerals.

As the writer regards the organization of the lyceum as one of the most important events in the history of the town, the following list of original members, or those joining at a very early day, is given: Crawford Taylor, Robert Knights, Henry Lovejoy, David Secombe, Zephaniah K. Hutchinson, Thomas A. Livermore, Moses Howe, George Holt, George Danforth, Daniel Burns, Jr., James Hartshorn, Robert Fuller, Elijah Averill, Matthew Bolles, Daniel Putnam, Calvin Averill, John Mace, Phineas Stimpson, Humphrey Moore, Jonathan Buxton, John W. Smith, Frederic Lovejoy, William Holt, Josiah French, John Wallace, Jr., Francis J. French, Benj. L. Willoby, William Lovejoy, Thomas J. Johnson, A. Wells Lovejoy, Josiah Crosby, 3d, Samuel D. Knowlton, John Dickey, Sumner B. Mace, William Darracott, Jacob T. Fuller, Charles R. Wallace, Josiah Fuller, Daniel Russell, Ebenezer Pearson, Jr., Ezekiel Mills, Charles A. Burns, George Darricott, Solomon K. Livermore, Jeremiah M. Gooden, Richard Williams, Luther Hutchinson, William Ramsdell, Wm. D. Willoby, William Ramsdell, Jr., Levi Cummings, Abiel Lovejoy, Joseph Tucker, Pliney Whitney, Charles Ramsdell, Stephen Peabody, Frederic Stewart, William Taylor, Peter Burns, John Ramsdell, Adam Dickey, Josiah C. Kidder, William Buxton, Frederic Crosby, Augustus



Hutchinson, Oliver Brooks, Freeman Crosby, Charles Chickering, Benjamin I. Conant, George Newhall, Davis Troy, Joseph H. Peabody, Adams Peabody, Joseph Crosby, Jr., Jacob Converse, Robert B. Wallace, Abel Spalding, Jr., Artemus Howard, John Muzzey, William Gutterson, Nathaniel Hutchinson, Milton V. Wilkins, William Wallace, Joseph C. Foster, Thomas H. King, Stephen Blanchard, George C. Jones, Eugene Combs, Isaiah Hutchinson, William C. Bolles, William Lovejoy, Samuel Goss, Humphrey M. French, William F. Whitmarsh, Benjamin Gooden, John V. Gooden, Abiel Gutterson, Charles Lovejoy, James B. Farwell, George W. Burns, Jonathan Bartlett.

The second meeting was held November 21st, and the following board of officers chosen: President, Humphrey Moore; secretary, John W. Smith; treasurer, Abiel Lovejoy; curators, Stephen Peabody, John Wallace, Jr., S. K. Livermore.

The first lecture was given by the president; subject, "The Advantages of Lyceums."

For nearly a score of years lectures were given by members of the lyceum, clergymen, lawyers, and teachers residing for the most part within the limits of the state.

Discussions were had of an intensely interesting character, affording an opportunity to the entire membership to become proficient in the art of extemporaneous debate.

The writer is of the opinion that in the Forties, and perhaps before and after, no town of its size had a larger number of citizens qualified to discuss intelligently and forcibly the burning questions of the times.

A paper, to which both sexes contributed, was read weekly by an editor, whose business it was to procure from members literary contributions.

These articles were subject to criticism at the close of weekly discussions. As a result large numbers of our people acquired a high degree of proficiency in the use of the English language. At one time the lyceum had an officer styled the critic. Any member could submit to him any production of his or her own in English composition. At a subsequent meeting the comments of the critic were made public.

As the professional lecturer came into existence, holding the field almost exclusively from 1850 to 1860, home lectures were

largely superseded and discussions gradually ceased to be an important part of the lyceum work. The literary paper contested the field for a time with the professional lecturer, but as most speakers from a distance occupied an hour in the delivery of these most carefully prepared addresses, and as the number of occasional gatherings to which the people were summoned increased, not only the discussions of the lyceum, but its excellent paper, gradually became things of the past.

The entertainment furnished by these speakers of national reputation was of a very high order, and our people were fortunate in having an opportunity to listen to men who had been favorably received in all parts of our country, and some of them in foreign lands; but as a powerful agency in the development of the intellectual power of the town, the earlier days of the lyceum must be counted among its best.

Its last meeting was held December 2, 1857.

#### RECOLLECTIONS CONCERNING THE MILFORD LYCEUM.

*By Rev. J. C. Foster, D. D.*

The Milford lyceum is associated with early memories, which go back more than sixty-five years, in connection with that organization. There was hardly anything that took so strong a hold upon my youthful interest as the meetings of the lyceum during the years just after 1830. As often as the meetings might be held, I was importunate to attend them, and was not to be deterred by a solitary walk in wintry storms and bad traveling for the more than two miles from the Federal Hill neighborhood.

The prominent actors in those engaging scenes now rise vividly before me. The senior minister of the town, Humphrey Moore, is well remembered for the apt, pithy, sometimes sharply pointed and always weighty remarks, which never failed to fall from his lips when his voice was heard, as it often was, in the lyceum. So, also, the senior and for many years the only lawyer in town, Solomon K. Livermore, the "Squire," as everybody called him, is vividly remembered, and the pleasant dignity and great pertinency of his judicious and deliberate words are faithfully daguerrotyped upon my susceptible mind.

Nor is another early, active, and efficient actor in those meetings, William Ramsdell, forgotten, especially as one with whom I, as a mere stripling, at a later period, in the winter of 1837 and 1838, presumed to enter the arena of a somewhat spirited debate upon the "Hop Question," in one of the interesting discussions which at an early period constituted the principal part of the lyceum exercises. Others are pleasantly recalled, among whom are the intelligent and enterprising David Seconbe, the well-informed and the practical Jeremiah M. Goodwin, and the learned and talented John W. A. Smith, a graduate of West Point. The latter, although not a native, was always among the foremost in all movements relating to the educational interests of the town, and he left a deep impression upon many young minds by his varied accomplishments and his great readiness as a public speaker. His early death is remembered as a serious loss to the literary and scientific interests of the town, to which he was able and willing to render important service as a man of letters and a master of science.

Among others well remembered as contributing largely to the success of the lyceum I recall the names of Daniel Putnam, Leonard Chase, Charles A. Burns, J. W. Pillsbury, John Mills, George Daniels, Rodney M. Stimson, and Rev. Abner B. Warner. The literary paper of the lyceum was also well sustained, Jesse Hutchinson, Jr., and John Ramsdell contributing poems of positive excellence.

The lyceum was at its best at the time the renowned Hutchinson family came into public notice as singers. They were attendants on the meetings of the lyceum and contributed to its success in many ways.

All honor to the founders of the village lyceum!

## CHAPTER XIX.

NEWSPAPERS IN MILFORD—THE FREE LIBRARY—DEDICATION OF NEW TOWN HOUSE—THE FITCHBURG RAILROAD—PUBLIC WATER-WORKS—MILFORD HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY—DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL STONE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF OLD DUNSTABLE.

### THE FARMER'S CABINET AND MILFORD ADVANCE.

As this paper became on the 9th day of July, 1891, an established Milford enterprise, it seems proper to give in this connection a brief sketch of its life for nearly one hundred years. Its first issue was produced in Amherst, November 11, 1802.

Three other papers had been published in Amherst during the seven preceding years, but the *Cabinet* has never failed to make its weekly appearance since the day of its first issue.

Joseph Cushing was its first editor and publisher, holding those positions something like seven years. In the autumn of 1809 Richard Boylston became editor and proprietor. January 1, 1851, Edward D. Boylston, the son of Richard, who had been connected with the paper a considerable portion of the time from the year 1840, became sole proprietor, the elder Boylston continuing as associate editor until 1856.

January, 1869, Albert A. Rotch, son-in-law of Edward D. Boylston (who had been connected with the office from 1850), became associate editor, and continued such to his decease, December, 1890.

July 1, 1891, William Boylston Rotch, a great-grandson of Richard Boylston, who had been connected with the *Cabinet* office from his boyhood, and having acted as associate editor of the paper, purchased the office and good will of the *Farmer's Cabinet*, and the *Milford Advance*, and *Wilton Journal*, consolidating all at Milford, as now published.

Under the enterprising management of Colonel Rotch, whose title was obtained by service as an aid upon Gov. George A.

Ramsdell's staff during the years 1897-'98, the paper is a substantial addition to the business of the town.

In the early years of this century, and before the days of ample postal facilities, the Milford subscribers to the *Cabinet* were accustomed to take turns, as it was called, in going to Amherst for copies of the paper and leaving them at some convenient place in the village for distribution.

#### OTHER PAPERS PUBLISHED IN TOWN.

No effort appears to have been made to establish a newspaper or printing office in town prior to 1847, when William Bradford commenced the publication of the *Weekly Mirror*. The anti-slavery sentiment in town was so strong and the demand for a paper advocating the distinctive tenets of the Free-soil party so strong, the name of the paper was changed to *The Standard*. This paper was published but a short time. Ten years later, January 7, 1857, the *Milford Republican* came into existence. Dr. Benjamin Colby, a botanic physician, was its editor and publisher. John Garfield, who had established a job printing office as early as 1853, printed the paper for Colby. Francis N. Boutwell, who afterwards became proprietor of the paper, set the first type on it. Dr. Colby's administration of the paper lasted but six months, when it fell into the hands of Garfield. In the autumn of 1858 Garfield took Boutwell into partnership, and, early in 1859, transferred the whole property to Boutwell, who managed the paper and job office until the summer of 1861, when the publication of the newspaper was suspended. The next year the job office passed into the hands of Garfield and he continued to manage it for a short time, or until he moved the material to Fitchburg. In 1867 Boutwell started another job office but at the end of a year sold the same to James M. Blanchard, a son of Bradley Blanchard and a native of the town. After a successful business of two or three years young Blanchard moved the plant to Fitchburg, Mass., where it became the nucleus of quite an extensive business under the management of Blanchard & Brown.

To build up a newspaper in the immediate vicinity of the Amherst *Cabinet*, which had so long substantially occupied this territory, was no easy task, and no other attempts were made



until the year 1874. At that time Mr. George E. Foster, a native of the town and son of Deacon John E. Foster, undertook to establish a paper upon a permanent foundation. He was well equipped, having, in addition to a good education, considerable familiarity with newspaper work. His paper was called *The Enterprise*.

Mr. Foster not being a practical printer, for a short time the paper was printed by out-of-town parties. But this arrangement not proving satisfactory, Mr. William W. Hemenway, formerly editor and publisher of the *Bulletin*, Natick, Mass., was induced, in 1875, to undertake the mechanical work of the paper, bringing with him a well-equipped news and job printing office.

In 1875 the *Wilton Journal* was started by Mr. Foster, it being a special edition of *The Enterprise* to better accommodate the Wilton patrons.

Mr. Foster remained sole manager, proprietor, and editor until 1887, when the paper, or papers, passed into the hands of Mr. William W. Hemenway, Mr. Foster removing to Ithaca, N. Y., his former place of residence, to engage in newspaper work in which he has met with a large measure of success.

Capt. W. W. Hemenway, who had a most honorable record as an officer in the Civil War, a native of Lexington, Mass., with his son Rodney, became managers and proprietors of the paper, naming it the *Milford Advance and Wilton Journal*, and in connection with a good job office successfully conducted the paper until July, 1891, when it was consolidated with the *Farmer's Cabinet*, as before stated.

The promoters of the newspaper in Milford under its different names, from 1847 until 1891, deserve most honorable mention as workers for the best interests of the town. The moving of the *Farmer's Cabinet* from Amherst in 1891 was a natural result of the drift of business and population, and it will enter upon its second century with good prospects of increasing usefulness and value to the community.

It is said that for a few months during the war, a small daily paper was published within our limits, but little now seems to be known of it, and nothing which the historian feels called upon to record.

## THE MILFORD DAILY POINTER.

This daily paper was founded July 16, 1894, by Edward M. Stanyan, who is its editor and publisher.

Mr. Stanyan is a native of Milford, an able writer, and has been connected with several of the state's prominent papers. Few believed that a daily could live at the time the paper was launched, but its founder in the face of all discouragements pushed on and won. The paper was printed by the Nashua *Telegraph* until December 13, 1894, since which time it has been printed at Milford. The *Pointer* has a job printing office. The editor is Associated Press correspondent for Milford and many adjoining towns. This connection gives the paper unusual facilities in gathering news. The *Pointer* reaches 1,500 readers, daily. It is the ambition of the editor and publisher to give the public an independent sheet, ever open to all sides as well in local matters as matters religious and political. Although the name of Capt. John M. Stanyan, father of the editor and publisher, does not appear in the paper the reader is oftentimes reminded of the well-known fact that the Captain wields a vigorous pen whenever he undertakes a paragraph or protracted composition.

## THE MILFORD FREE LIBRARY.

At the annual town-meeting in March, 1868, the following resolution was passed with scarcely a dissenting vote, its passage having been urged by Col. Thomas L. Livermore, and others :

*Resolved*, That a free library be hereby established within and for the town of Milford; that the sum of five hundred dollars be raised by the town, and paid into the hands of the trustees hereinafter provided for, with which they shall, as soon as possible, purchase books and other necessary articles, provide a room, and do all necessary things for the establishment and continuance of the library herein provided for; and that the following articles shall govern in the erection and maintenance of said library.

ARTICLE 1. The government of said library shall be in a board of trustees, which shall consist of the superintending school committee of the town and two other persons, who shall be elected by the town; and, in default of election by the town, shall be appointed by the selectmen; and when any vacancy shall occur in said board between

annual town-meetings, it shall be filled by appointment by the selectmen.

ARTICLE 2. The trustees shall be elected for one year.

The first board of trustees consisted of Moses Proctor, William Ramsdell, J. D. Tilton, T. L. Livermore, C. S. Averill. William Ramsdell was president, and Thomas L. Livermore secretary and treasurer.

The board made a report to the town at the annual meeting held March, 1869.

At the annual meeting of the town, held March, 1871, the resolves and articles establishing the library were amended to read as follows :

The government of said library shall be in a board of nine trustees, who shall be elected by the town,—three of whom shall be elected for one year, three for two years, and three for three years; and annually hereafter three shall be elected for three years, and in default of election by the town, shall be appointed by the selectmen; and when any vacancy shall occur in said board between annual town-meetings, it shall be filled by appointment by the selectmen.

In connection with the report of the trustees made to the town in 1881, the following sketch of library organizations in town preceding the present was published :

The town was incorporated, January 11, 1794, and in the course of the second year thereafter, viz., June 1, 1796, there was an association formed under the style of "The Milford Social Library Proprietors." The meeting for organization was held at the house of Jotham Shepard, when it was agreed that the price of rights should be two dollars; that each associate should own at least one right, and that the money derived from the sale of rights should be devoted to the purchase of books. Assessments were voted from time to time, the interest in the institution increased, and June 12, 1801, it was incorporated, by an act of the general court, under the name of "The Social Library Association in Milford," Augustus Blanchard, Joshua Moar, James Wallace, Robert Campbell, and Amos Blanchard being the incorporators named. Amos Blanchard was authorized to call the first meeting of the proprietors. The library was kept for many years at the house of

Jonathan Buxton, Sr., and subsequently at the house of Caleb Turner. The organization continued upwards of thirty-five years, during which period many of the original proprietors had deceased, and the books having become old and worn, it was voted to dispose of them at auction, and dissolve the corporation. The town was without a public library till March, 1841, when school district No. 1 voted "that one hundred dollars be laid out in books for the use of the district," and Humphrey Moore, Solomon K. Livermore, and Daniel Putnam were chosen a committee to carry the vote into effect. In the course of the year the books were purchased, rules adopted, Daniel Russell chosen librarian, and the library apparently put in good working order.

In 1842, a further sum of seventy-five dollars was appropriated for the increase of the library, and the year following the sum of ninety dollars was appropriated to the library, its privileges extended to the whole town upon condition that those living out of the district pay a small sum for the use of each volume taken out, and the purchasing committee were instructed not to buy any strictly sectarian books. The library continued to receive appropriations from time to time till 1853, when the district was divided. Its decay then commenced. It, however, lingered till 1860, when the books were sold at auction, it having been in existence nineteen years. The year following that in which the district library was sold, the subject of establishing an agricultural library was agitated, and January, 1862, an organization was perfected. In 1869 the proprietors generously gave it to the town that it might be merged in the present library. In 1864 several ladies established a library, and the association was called "The Ladies' Library Association." When the free library was established, it was closed, and the very valuable collection was divided among the proprietors. In addition to the libraries mentioned, there has been a Sabbath-school library connected with the oldest religious society upwards of forty years, and with the next in age more than a quarter of a century. The value of the sunshine and the rain cannot be computed, neither can the influence of a well-regulated library; and could the enterprise, the love of order, the industry, the individuality of character,

the benevolence, and the public spirit for which the town has ever been noted, be traced to their source, much that is worthy of emulation would undoubtedly be found to be due to the influence of her libraries.

At the annual meeting in March, 1891, the town voted to erect a library building on the lot at the east end of the town house, and appropriated \$15,000 for that purpose. A committee, consisting of John McLane, Frank W. Richardson, and Ezra C. Towne, was chosen to take charge of the work. Tuesday evening, June 28, 1892, the building was formally dedicated. Frank W. Richardson, chairman of the board of library trustees, made an address of welcome at the dedicatory ceremonies, in which he congratulated the town upon the completion of liberal accommodations for the library, contrasting the present commodious quarters with the anteroom in the old town hall and the selectmen's room in the new town house, which for twenty-five years had served for library quarters.

Following a selection by the orchestra, Hon. John McLane, in behalf of the building committee, turned over the keys of the building to the chairman of the board of selectmen, Mr. L. B. Dow, speaking in well-chosen words of the work accomplished, and saying that the building had been completed for the amount originally appropriated.

Col. Thomas L. Livermore, who was to have delivered the principal address, was unable to do so, by reason of the pressure of unusually important business, and Hon. F. T. Greenhalge, of Lowell, afterwards governor of Massachusetts, at his request, performed this service in a most satisfactory manner.

The exercises closed with benediction by Rev. A. J. Rich.

With the completion of the new library building, a reading-room was established in connection with the library proper.

The late Ezra M. Gay, with liberal forethought, provided in his will a fund of five thousand dollars, the income of which is available for the increase of the library. It also has another fund of five hundred dollars, the gift of Miss Nancy Averill. The library now contains (February 15, 1899) six thousand, seven hundred and seventy-three volumes, classified according to the Dewey system.



The library is now open every week day from 9 a. m. to 12 m., from 2 to 5, and from 7 to 9 p. m., legal holidays excepted.

There have been ten librarians: John Crosby, James M. Blanchard, Emeline Comstock, Appleton M. Hatch, George F. Burns, George E. Hatch, Albert A. Cochran, Elgin J. Burns, Nellie Cochran, Rebecca F. Doane, the present efficient incumbent.

The present board of trustees is made up as follows: William B. Rotch, W. F. French, Mrs. F. E. Kaley, A. J. Hutchinson, C. S. Emerson, Mrs. E. I. Kendall, Mrs. D. S. Dearborn, Mrs. A. W. Smith, J. E. Webster, G. A. Worcester, Caroline K. Fuller, Arthur L. Keyes; W. F. French, president; J. E. Webster, treasurer; Arthur L. Keyes, secretary. The library has proved all that its promoters anticipated for it, a powerful educational force.

#### THE NEW TOWN HOUSE.

The corner stone of the new town house was laid with Masonic ceremonies July 3, 1869. The address was delivered by Hon. Charles H. Burns, a native of the town. William Ramsdell, Clinton S. Averill, and Robert R. Howison were the building committee. The cost of the town house exceeded \$55,000.

At the head of the first staircase, facing the entrance, is an elaborate and beautifully carved black walnut tablet case, five feet in height and eight long. The tablets are five in number, and on the die of one is this inscription:

THE  
TOWN OF MILFORD  
HAS CAUSED  
TO BE INSCRIBED UPON  
THESE TABLETS  
THE NAMES OF THOSE  
WHO FELL  
REPRESENTING HER  
IN DEFENCE OF THE UNION  
IN THE WAR OF  
THE REBELLION OF 1861-1865.  
DEDICATED APRIL 27,  
1870.

On the other four are inscribed the names of Milford's heroic dead, fifty-three in number. It is a beautiful and eloquent memorial, and does honor to the heads and hearts of the citizens of the town.

The ceremony of delivering the keys was performed by the chairman of the building committee. After committing the building as a whole to the custody of the selectmen of the town, he closed as follows :

But, Mr. Chairman, there is another and a more sacred trust committed to you within the walls of this building than that to which I have alluded. We have caused to be inscribed upon the imperishable marble the names of fifty-three of our citizens who, at their country's call, laid down their lives in its defence, and when memory lifts the veil from those dark days in our country's history, and we see rising in the dim distance those sacrificial mounds, Gettysburg, Antietam, Bull Run, Malvern Hill, Fort Donelson, and Port Hudson, we may point to these tablets and say this one or that one of our citizens fell there. Guard then, with jealous care, this tribute to their memory erected by their fellow-citizens, and when, from year to year, as time rolls on, their relatives, friends, and surviving companions in arms, in grateful remembrance, entwine these tablets with the laurel and the cypress, their memory and their heroic deeds shall be transmitted from generation to generation.

The keys were received by William R. Wallace, chairman of the board of selectmen.

The oration was then delivered by George A. Ramsdell of Nashua, a native of the town. The address occupied an hour in its delivery and gave a history of the old town house, closing with some thoughtful suggestions as to what the town house had stood for and still stands for in free America.

The venerable Humphrey Moore occupied a seat upon the platform, having reached the great age of 92 years, and was alluded to as the only living person who had reached man's estate at the time of his ordination, which was in fact the dedication of the old town house in 1802.

As Dr. Moore entered and took his seat the entire audience rose and greeted him with prolonged cheers.

A poem of unusual merit and full of local allusions was read by its author, Capt. John M. Stanyan, a veteran of the Civil War.

An appropriate and eloquent address commemorative of the soldiers whose names are inscribed upon the tablets was delivered on behalf of Post Lull, G. A. R., by Col. Thomas L. Livermore. He was followed by Rev. F. D. Ayer of Concord, Rev. D. E. Adams of Wilton, and John L. Spring, Esq., of Lebanon, who made brief, stirring, and appropriate addresses.

At this point the speaking was relieved by the singing of an admirable dedication ode, written for the occasion by J. W. Pillsbury.

Letters were read from Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., of Amherst, and Rev. Dr. J. G. Foster of Beverly, Mass.

Hon. Charles H. Burns closed the speaking with one of his happiest efforts.

After music by the band, the benediction was pronounced by the venerable Dr. Moore in the following words :

My friends, may the Lord bless you and cause his face to shine upon you, and when you are removed from earth may you be introduced into that hall above, where you may be blessed forevermore.

After the service of a bountiful dinner the president of the day introduced Albert E. Pillsbury, a native of the town, but little past his majority, as toastmaster. His administration of the position gave abundant promise of his future distinction as a speaker.

Letters were read from John W., Asa B. Hutchinson, and others. Responses to toasts were made by Timothy Kaley, J. B. Moulton, Clinton S. Averill, Miss Adeline Crosby, and by Dana W. King and Israel Hunt of Nashua.

The festivities of this notable occasion were concluded by a grand ball, held in the new town hall, in the evening, which was largely attended by the beauty and chivalry of Milford and its neighboring towns and cities. The best of music was furnished by Hall's band of Boston. The spacious gallery was crowded with spectators, and the balcony galleries by invited guests. The scene was one of unusual gaiety and brilliance.

#### THE FITCHBURG RAILROAD.

The opening of a railroad to a town is always an event to be celebrated. The opening of the second railroad connecting Mil-

ford with the outside world was an occasion of much interest, not only to those who were citizens of the town at the time of the opening, but to the older citizens who remember the controversy attending the location of the depot at the time the Wilton railroad was constructed to Milford in 1850. At that time probably a majority of the people of the town were in favor of placing the depot upon the east side of the pond very near the site of the present Fitchburg depot. But the fact that it was not then certain that the road would be extended to the west and that the business from a large section of country in that direction must be provided for in connection with the Milford depot, turned the scale in favor of its location on the west side of the brook.

In view of this protracted struggle, a struggle which could only be settled in favor of one party, the citizens of the town without exception hailed with delight the coming of a second railroad and the location of a depot at a point where half, and probably a majority, of the people of the town had desired it fifty years before.

The formal opening of the road from Brookline to Milford occurred on Thursday, November 15, 1894. The industries of the town were virtually suspended, and neither the accustomed ringing of the factory bell nor the chorus of steam whistles greeted the ears of the town's people that morning. The busy whirl of industry was silent, for it was known that the culminating events consequent upon the establishment of a new line of railroad communication were to be celebrated. At ten in the forenoon, under the direction of Chief Winslow of the fire department and his efficient associates, Marvel and Brahaney, the department with its apparatus was marshaled on the square and, headed by the Milford cornet band, preceded by a platoon of police, proceeded down South street to the station of the Milford and Brookline railroad. The station was open to the public, who availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting it throughout, and no little praise was bestowed upon the commodious and artistic structure.

At a little before the time of arrival, the whistle of the regular train from Brookline was heard, and a minute later the first regular passenger train rolled in at the station, after which the special from Boston moved up, bearing the invited guests

from points along the line. The arrival of the trains was the signal for such demonstrations as seemed fitting to the occasion, and amid the boom of cannon, stirring music by the band, the throng that had gathered were welcomed to the town and these events served to demonstrate the fact that the last rail had been laid, the last spike had been driven, and that Milford was now in possession of another outlet to the outside world. The company included probably the most notable gathering of distinguished men that Milford has ever had the honor of entertaining upon any occasion. The town itself, in the person of Hon. John McLane, furnished the president of the state senate. The entire state delegation in both houses of congress were present. Several of the most distinguished citizens of Massachusetts, and an unusually large number of prominent New Hampshire men were in town for the day.

The procession was reformed and with the addition of the invited guests, many of them in carriages, the column moved directly to the town house, where the visiting friends were given a reception.

At twelve o'clock it was announced that the banquet was in readiness in the town hall where some four hundred covers were laid. The chairs were soon filled and as good a dinner as was ever served in Milford, was for an hour heartily discussed and much enjoyed by everybody present. Rev. H. P. Peck invoked the divine blessing.

After ample justice had been done the banquet, the assemblage was called to order by Henry H. Barber, president of the board of trade, who welcomed the visitors in a most felicitous manner. He was followed by Hon. John McLane, Senator William E. Chandler, Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, Congressman Henry W. Blair, Congressman Henry M. Baker, Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston, Col. Daniel Needham of Groton, Mass., Hon. Henry B. Quincy of Laconia, Hon. Franklin Worcester of Hollis, a leading promoter of the enterprise, and others, in remarks congratulating the town upon the completion of the road. The speakers all referred to the probable extension of the road to Manchester, and of the advantages to accrue to the town from such connection. At the January, 1899, session of the legislature a charter was obtained authorizing the building



of this connecting link, and at the present time (June, 1899) this connection seems to be an assured fact.

#### MILFORD WATER-WORKS COMPANY.

At the June session of the legislature, 1887, C. S. Averill and twelve others were "made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Milford Water-Works Company."—See *c.* 273, Laws 1887.

The charter passed through the hands of several parties, and at last was bought by John T. Langford of Boston, who made a satisfactory contract with the town of Milford, and built the works in 1889.

On the 17th day of September, 1890, at a special town meeting, C. S. Averill introduced the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the town purchase the plant and franchise of the Milford Water-Works Company at cost, in accordance with the right given the town in its contract with said water company. Yes, 374; no, 36.

October 1, 1890, the town bought the water-works for \$62,-562.01.

Charter amended in 1891.—See *c.* 185, Laws 1891.

Water-works were run by the selectmen until the annual town-meeting held March 10, 1891, when by vote of the town they were placed under the direction and control of three commissioners. Brooks R. Came, Fred W. Sawyer, and Frank W. Sargent were appointed commissioners.

Charles L. Wilkins was appointed in place of Frank W. Sargent, whose term expired in 1895. F. W. Sawyer resigned in December, 1895, and John Hadlock was appointed in his place. These gentlemen have had charge of the water-works until March, 1899, when at the annual town-meeting a new vote was passed and six commissioners were appointed, viz.: John McLane and Arthur L. Keyes for three years, H. H. Barber and F. E. Kaley for two years, and Charles L. Wilkins and Carl E. Knight for one year.

The first annual report of the commissioners, in March, 1892, shows that in March, 1891, when they took charge of the works, there were 6.02 miles of mains, 170 services, and 43



W. P. ALLEN, GARDNER, MASS.

FROM PHOTO.

MILFORD WATER WORKS,  
PUMPING STATION.

NEW WELL.



hydrants, and that 20,354,000 gallons of water were consumed during the year.

The report of 1899 shows 469 services and 59 hydrants, and that 35,117,005 gallons of water were consumed. Total length of mains, 9.27 miles.

The largest demand is made on the works during the months of June, July, and August. The supply is from wells, situated on the westerly side of the highway leading to Federal hill.

There is a fine pumping station, equipped with two Davidson pumps having a daily capacity of 648,000 gallons each, which force the water to a standpipe on Gilson hill, giving a pressure of about 90 pounds. The capacity of the standpipe is about 275,000 gallons.

#### THE MILFORD HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

This society, which has already demonstrated its right to a place among the institutions of the town, was organized January 15th, 1895. Its name intimates the general purposes of the society. It has already commenced, in a substantial way, the collection of material which otherwise would pass out of the memory of the present generation.

The officers of the society (1899) are: Christopher C. Shaw, president; John E. Foster, vice-president; Geo. A. Worcester, secretary; Rev. A. M. Pendleton, historian; Rev. Frank L. Knapp, auditor.

The society, during the first year of its existence, held an intensely interesting field day meeting, dedicating a memorial stone. The report of the proceedings of the day attracted the attention not only of citizens of New Hampshire, but also of Massachusetts, and well deserves a place in this connection.

#### DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL STONE.

The Milford Historical and Genealogical Society, on the 21st day of August, 1895, dedicated a memorial stone at Jones's crossing, near the highway leading from Milford to Wilton, under the brow of Dram-cup hill and near the bank of Souhegan river. This stone, in order that it may attract attention, has been placed a few rods south of the original bound on the

bank of the river at the northwest corner of the ancient town of Dunstable and the northwest corner of the Charlestown school farm, so called. It also marks the northwest corner of the dismembered town of Monson, which had a corporate existence from 1746 to 1770.

The Charlestown school farm was a tract of valuable land containing about 1,100 acres, and extended down the river from this monument to the west line of the farm now owned by Matthias F. Crosby. Its width varied in different places, depending upon the winding direction of the current of the river. This tract was given by the state of Massachusetts (which exercised jurisdiction over this section until 1741) to the town of Charlestown, Massachusetts, for the support of schools. The town held this valuable tract without income until the year 1745, when Benjamin Hopkins, then of Billerica, purchased the grant for a nominal sum per acre and settled upon it.

The Charlestown school farm grant antedated the grant of the town of Dunstable, and the monumental stones recently uncovered on the bank of the river two hundred and three feet north of the monument, were undoubtedly placed there by Jonathan Danforth, the surveyor who laid out the Charlestown school farm forty years after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. This was Danforth's first visit. It is not improbable that he was the first white man to look upon this spot. Dram-cup hill then had no name. Danforth, in his return to the general court of Massachusetts, speaks of it as "a great hill."

Fourteen years go by and again Jonathan Danforth is here; this time with a weightier commission in his pocket. He had been commissioned by the commonwealth of Massachusetts, which had made the grant the year before, to lay out the grand old town of Dunstable.

Danforth was commissioned, among other things, to see that all of the Souhegan farms on the south side of the river were included in the grant of Dunstable, and he determined to make the northwest corner of the farm the like corner of the town he was commissioned to lay out. The west line of the Charlestown school farm was not a due north and south line, but bore







MEMORIAL STONE, JONES' CROSSING.

considerably to the east after leaving its northwest boundary. Danforth, in order to make sure that the entire grant of the Charlestown school farm should be included in Dunstable, decided when at the northwest boundary of the farm, which he marked as the northwest corner of the town of Dunstable, to make a bold push by a due south course to Groton line.

Danforth, upon his second visit, found the same "great hill" which he had fixed upon as a nameless monument fourteen years before, but something had happened during this interval which had given the hill a name, and in his return to the state of Massachusetts in the laying out of old Dunstable, he speaks of it as "a hill called Dram-cup hill." What was the origin of the name? It certainly is not from an Indian source; and we shall never know how it came to be thus called; history is silent, and tradition gives us no information. I have met the word in some connections where it was spelled cap for cup, and reading "Dram-cap hill;" but whatever its origin, the hill, by the name of Dram-cup hill, will be remembered until everything connected with the renowned name of Dunstable perishes from the minds of men.

The dedication was had upon a beautiful summer day, and the exercises were held under the trees in the yard of William Jones, where at least three hundred people were present.

Christopher C. Shaw, president of the society, and a descendant of several of the early prominent settlers of the town, presided, and welcomed the assembled company, alluding to events connected with the history of this section.

Deacon John E. Foster, chairman of the memorial committee, gave an account of the proceedings leading up to the erection of the monument by the society. His address also contained much valuable information as to the history of Dunstable, and he spoke as follows of the recent finding of the old boundary stones on the banks of the Souhegan river:

For very many years it was supposed that the stones that marked this historic corner had been removed by some utilitarian as incumbrances to cultivation, but we are happy to declare to-day that the identical stones placed in position by unknown hands two and a quarter centuries ago, are still near the memorial bound planted by the Milford Historical and Genealogical Society. The ceaseless flow of

the Souhegan has not disturbed them, and to-day we hope and trust they will remain to mark this historic spot till the angel shall stand upon the sea and upon the land and declare that time was, and time is, but time shall be no more.

Hon. George A. Ramsdell, the town historian, delivered the more formal address of the day. This address, with an account of the proceedings of the day, was published in full in the *Farmer's Cabinet* in the issue of August 22, 1895. After the address remarks were made by Rev. A. M. Pendleton, Dana W. King, and Virgil C. Gilman of Nashua, and A. E. Brown of Bedford, Massachusetts.

The memorial stone stands upon land donated to the society by Daniel W. Burns, a worthy descendant of the early settler, John Burns, and by purchase the society has title to a small plot of ground upon the bank of the river enclosing the original bound.



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## CHAPTER XX.

LAWYERS PRACTISING IN MILFORD—ATTORNEYS, NATIVES OF MILFORD BUT PRACTISING ELSEWHERE—ATTORNEYS WHOSE EARLY LIFE WAS SPENT IN MILFORD, ALTHOUGH NOT NATIVES OF THE TOWN.

### LAWYERS IN MILFORD.

Nathaniel Shattuck, Milford's first lawyer, a native of Temple, born in the year 1774, a graduate of Dartmouth college in 1801, admitted to the bar in 1804, opened a law office here the same year. Two years later he married Mary Wallace, daughter of Hon. James Wallace. He moved to Amherst in 1812 and to Mason in 1830; died in Concord, Mass., in 1864.

Mr. Shattuck was a creditable lawyer and citizen, but unfortunately for the peace and comfort of many years of his life, he was induced, upon the failure of the Hillsborough bank, located at Amherst, to bring a large number of suits against Charles H. Atherton, and other stockholders of the defunct bank, claiming that they were personally liable to make good the bills issued by this corporation. He failed in his suits and many judgments for costs were entered against him. He was imprisoned upon the executions issued upon these judgments, but for the greater part of the time he had the liberty of the jail yard, as it was called. These limits were changed from time to time until they included a large part of the town of Amherst. Mr. Shattuck practised law for many years while a prisoner.

Solomon K. Livermore, a native of Wilton and a graduate of Harvard college, became a citizen of Milford in 1809, opening an office in the early part of the year and continuing in practice until precluded by the infirmities of age. Mr. Livermore was an accomplished and an unusually learned lawyer. Although moderate in speech he could state his cause to the court or jury in a most effective manner. A full sketch of his long and useful life is found in another portion of this work.

From the time Mr. Shattuck left, in 1812, until the year 1847, Mr. Livermore was the only lawyer regularly practising in town, and it can be truthfully said of him that he never forgot his obligations as a citizen in his practice as a lawyer. If there were differences among his townsmen which furnished abundant ground for a lawsuit, his universal practice was to bring the parties to a settlement if possible. This should be placed in large measure to his credit, for in all the earlier years of his practice public sentiment allowed an attorney to bring suit upon a pecuniary obligation, obtain judgment, and in a short time bring another suit with added interest and cost until the defendant was obliged to surrender everything that he had. It was a common practice in the first quarter of this century, and perhaps later, for attorneys to practise law in this way, until they became rich as a result of their persecutions.

For the good name of the profession let it be said that this practice has long since ceased to exist, and never had an advocate in Milford.

In 1847 Mr. Livermore took as a partner Lawrence Dudley Bailey, a native of Sutton, where he was born August 16, 1819. Mr. Bailey remained with Mr. Livermore some two years and six months, leaving for California soon after the discovery of gold upon the Pacific coast.

Mr. Bailey was a strong man and a good lawyer, but did not remain in Hillsborough county sufficiently long to become well known. Returning to New Hampshire in 1853, he formed a partnership at Bradford with the late Attorney-General Mason W. Tappan, which continued until March, 1857, when he located in Kansas. It was there that the best work of his life was done. He was one of the foremost in making Kansas a free state. He was a judge of its supreme court from the time of its organization as a state until the year 1869. He died October 15, 1891.

Within a few months of the departure of Mr. Bailey in 1850, Bainbridge Wadleigh, a native of Bradford, was admitted to the bar and commenced practice as a partner of Mr. Livermore. Mr. Wadleigh's practice in town covered a longer term than that of any attorney save Mr. Livermore. He gave his attention solely to his profession, and achieved a position as a

lawyer attained by no other practitioner resident in town. Without associate counsel he tried before the court and jury the most important causes.

In 1872 he took as a partner Robert M. Wallace. In 1879 this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Wadleigh opened an office in Boston, where he continued in large and successful practice until a short time previous to his death. A sketch of his professional and political career is found in another portion of this work.

In 1851, Gilbert Wadleigh, a native of Sutton, a graduate of Dartmouth college, took up his residence in town, becoming the law partner of his cousin, Bainbridge Wadleigh.

Mr. Wadleigh was a well-read and successful lawyer while he remained in practice, but was not so much attached to his profession that nothing could induce him to leave it. Very soon after settling in Milford he taught a select school in the old seminary building for two or more terms. The historian was his pupil, and remembers him as one of the most accomplished instructors he ever had.

From 1859 to 1863 he was cashier of the Souhegan National bank; from 1871 to 1876 he was treasurer of the Milford Savings bank.

He practised his profession in a limited way from the time of coming to Milford to his decease, March 7, 1886. A sketch of his life is found elsewhere in this volume.

The same year Oliver W. Lull, a native of Weare, was admitted to the bar and at once established himself as the competitor of the law firm of G. & B. Wadleigh, and remained in active practice until his appointment as lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth New Hampshire Volunteers in the Civil War.

The historian, with whom it is a pleasant recollection that he has known personally every lawyer having an office in Milford for the last one hundred years, counts it a sufficient commendation of the legal ability of Colonel Lull to say that during the ten years and more he was engaged almost constantly in trying causes against Bainbridge Wadleigh, the latter found that these contests called out his best powers.

Robert M. Wallace, a native of Henniker, and a graduate of Dartmouth college, was admitted to the bar in December, 1871,

and soon after became the law partner of Bainbridge Wadleigh. Mr. Wadleigh took his seat in the United States senate, March 4, 1873, and for the six succeeding years the extensive business of the firm of Wadleigh & Wallace was conducted by the junior partner.

Mr. Wallace continued in active practice, either as partner of Senator Wadleigh or alone, until his appointment as a justice of the supreme court in the summer of 1893. (Biographical sketch elsewhere.)

Clinton S. Averill, a native of this town and one of its strong and accomplished men, a graduate of Norwich university, Vermont (1849), was admitted to the bar in 1858. Some four years after, he opened an office and continued to practise his profession in a limited way until the time of his decease, giving his attention, so far as the practice of the law was concerned, almost exclusively to probate and office practice. He was a master of probate law; a skilful conveyancer, and an adviser whose services were sought and found valuable by nearly all the people of the town. He did not attend the courts, and was not generally understood to be a lawyer in active practice.

John L. Spring was born in Newport, N. H., in 1830; was admitted to the bar in 1860. He practised his profession in Wilton about one year, when he removed to Milford. In 1870 he removed to Lebanon, where he still remains (1899) in active practice. For forty years Mr. Spring has been an active and successful lawyer.

During the ten years of his residence in Milford he served the town as moderator, selectman, and in other official positions, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

Carl E. Knight, a native of New London, and a graduate of Dartmouth college, opened his law office here in December, 1881, and is now in active practice. Mr. Knight comes from a well-known Hillsborough county family, and upon his settlement here was in every way well equipped for the successful practice of his profession. He has the confidence of the entire community. The historian, in the preparation of this chapter, has received substantial aid from him.

Edgar I. Kendall, a native of Mont Vernon, was admitted to the bar in July, 1893, and at once opened a law office here.



Mr. Kendall has established the reputation of a painstaking, careful lawyer. From the beginning he has been successful in obtaining clients and in satisfying all reasonable expectations on their part.

Oliver A. Hutchinson, a son of the late Stillman Hutchinson, was admitted to the bar in this county in 1872, and for a short time had a law office in town. The attraction of business has been such that Mr. Hutchinson has given his time in part only to his profession. For some time he has been a resident of the Pacific slope. At the present time he is engaged in placer mining in the northern part of California.

Since the foregoing was written, Edward L. Kittredge, a native of Pelham, where he was born June 3, 1872, has opened an office.

Mr. Kittredge practised for a time in Nashua, having graduated creditably from the Boston Law school. He will undoubtedly in time secure the practice which his ability, natural and acquired, demands. Although not a native, Mr. Kittredge is well and favorably known in town, having spent the greater part of his life here.

John J. Bell, a son of the late Chief Justice Samuel D. Bell, had an office in town for a short time. He graduated from the law school in 1847, and came here three or four years subsequent to his graduation. After a brief residence he located in Maine as agent and attorney for his father, who had landed interests in that state. He returned to New Hampshire in 1864, making his home for the remainder of his life at Exeter. He became one of the most prominent citizens of that town. He was judge of its police court, and one of its representatives in the legislature many terms.

Albert H. Crosby, a son of the late Dr. Dixie Crosby of Har-  
over, was for six years, before he found his proper life work, a lawyer, passing a part of his time in Milford. He accomplished but little as a lawyer, but as a physician he attained a high rank, dying September 5, 1886.

#### ATTORNEYS BORN IN MILFORD BUT PRACTISING ELSEWHERE.

It is impossible to make this list complete, but some approximation can be made.

Stephen Peabody, a grandson of the first settler in town, was born October 4, 1782, graduated at Harvard college in 1803, became a lawyer and practised his profession for a time at Portsmouth and Exeter. He afterwards settled upon the Peabody farm, the place of his birth, on the north side of the river, and was extensively engaged in agriculture, giving particular attention to the raising of hops.

Some ten years before his decease, which occurred January 19, 1847, having been appointed register of probate for Hillsborough county, while retaining a large portion of the Peabody farm, which had been the birthplace of his children, he took up his residence in Amherst, practising law to a limited extent.

While a citizen of Milford he was elected a member of the executive council. (See biographical sketch.)

Eugene Hutchinson, a grandson of the early settler, Nathan Hutchinson, studied law, and practised for a brief period in Pelham, but instead of following the profession to any considerable extent became a farmer, cultivating the estate afterwards owned by his son Eugene, on the Wilton road.

Francis B. Peabody was born at the old Peabody farm, October 27, 1827; a graduate of Trinity college, Connecticut. Was admitted to the bar in 1851. Soon after, he located at Hillsborough. In the autumn of 1852 he removed to Concord, where he formed a law partnership with Nathaniel B. Baker. Mr. Baker was elected governor of the state in 1854. This practically took Mr. Baker out of practice, and Mr. Peabody associated with himself as partner William E. Chandler, under the name of Peabody & Chandler. This firm had a good clientage for three years, when Mr. Peabody removed to Chicago, where he successfully practised his profession for twelve years, when he engaged in business as a mortgage banker in which he has continued until the present time. (See biographical sketch.)

David A. Secombe, a son of David Secombe, was born May 25, 1827. He entered Dartmouth college in 1847. At the end of three years he left college, and commenced the study of law in the office of Daniel Clark of Manchester. In 1851 he left New Hampshire for Minnesota, where he was admitted to the bar the following year. At the time of his death, at the age of sixty-five, he had been an active practitioner for nearly forty

years, holding a leading position at the Hennepen county bar, and ranking among the most prominent citizens of Minnesota.

He was a member of the Minnesota state constitutional convention in 1857, and of the state legislature in 1859-'60; a delegate to the national convention which nominated Lincoln in 1860, and attorney for his county in 1871-'72.

Charles H. Burns was born in Milford, January 19, 1835; he was admitted to the bar in 1858; he took up his residence in Wilton early in 1859, and has continued to reside in that town to the present time. His law office is now, and has been for a long time, in Nashua.

For many years Mr. Burns has been connected with the trial of the most important causes arising in the state. He has acted as solicitor for the county of Hillsborough, and United States district attorney for New Hampshire, and by general consent is one of the best lawyers and the leading advocate in the state. (See biographical sketch.)

George A. Ramsdell was born in Milford, March 11, 1834; he was admitted to the bar in 1857, and was in active practice in Peterborough six years, when he was appointed clerk of the supreme court of Hillsborough county. He held this office for more than twenty years, and afterwards opened a law office in Nashua.

Mr. Ramsdell has been best known as a trier of causes as referee, having visited all sections of the state in this capacity. Since his retirement from the clerk's office, his business has been confined to probate and office practice.

Jonas Hutchinson was born in Milford, January 10, 1840; he was graduated from Dartmouth college in 1863, and was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1869. He went at once to Chicago, and commenced the active practice of his profession, in which he has been eminently successful. He at one time held the honorable and responsible position of corporation counsel for the city. He is now one of the justices of the superior court for Cook county, Illinois. (See biographical sketch.)

Albert E. Pillsbury was born in Milford, August 18, 1849; he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1870, and has since been in active practice in Boston. He has held the office

of attorney-general for Massachusetts, and taken a leading part in many of the most important trials in that commonwealth, civil and criminal, for the past five and twenty years. (See biographical sketch.)

ATTORNEYS WHOSE EARLY LIFE WAS SPENT IN MILFORD, ALTHOUGH NOT NATIVES OF THE TOWN.

John P. Towne was born in Bow, N. H., June 12, 1826. He came to Milford with his father, Jonathan Towne, when less than four years of age, settling upon the Towne estate upon the Nashua road. He was a resident here until he graduated at Norwich university, Vermont, in 1852. Soon after he became a citizen of Edgerton, Wis., which has ever since been his place of residence, and where he has had an unusually long and successful law practice.

So far as the writer can learn, Mr. Towne has given but little attention to politics, but has found time, during his long residence in Wisconsin not only to attend to a numerous professional clientage, but has identified himself with the educational interests of his adopted state. For many years he was connected with the bank of the city of Edgerton, and for a time was its president.

Mr. Towne must be counted among the strong men which Milford has sent out.

Edward B. Knight, the youngest son of Asa and Melinda (Adams) Knight, was born in Hancock, N. H., August 22, 1834. When about four years old his father settled upon a farm in the southwest part of the town, upon which young Knight resided with his parents until he became a student at New London academy. He graduated from Dartmouth college in 1861, and in due time was admitted to the bar of New Hampshire. He opened an office in Dover, but his stay there was short, for in 1865 he was offered a partnership in an old and established law firm in Charleston, W. Va., which he accepted, and at once moved to the place, where he continued in the active practice of his profession until January 1, 1892, when his health, suffering from too close and constant application, compelled his retirement from professional work. He died, December 16, 1897.

The last five years of his life he spent the summers in New London, in his cottage overlooking Lake Sunapee; the winters in his Charleston home, and in travel.

The following is an editorial notice in the *Charleston Daily Gazette* of December 16, 1897:

The death of Edward Boardman Knight is a positive loss to the community. He was a man of high character, unusual attainments, great public spirit, and gentle disposition. By universal consent he was regarded as the head of the Charleston bar, and though he had retired from active practice for some years past, his influence with the members of his profession was potent to the end. Intellectually strong, and forceful in affairs, Mr. Knight was nevertheless gentle and tender in his relations with all humanity. If he ever had an enemy, it is not known in the community where Mr. Knight was best known. He leaves behind him nothing more hurtful to his memory than the earnest respect and the abiding affection of every person who ever came in contact with him. By his death the bar of Charleston loses its foremost member, and the city its most respected citizen.

The historian was well acquainted with Mr. Knight as a young man, and occasionally met him during the thirty-six years which followed his graduation from college, and testifies to the truthfulness of the obituary notice.

It is not easy to say whether Mr. Knight showed greater excellence as a lawyer or as an advocate.

Fred S. Hatch, a native of Lyndeborough, became a resident of Milford at an early age; he was a graduate of the high school of this town, and after three years of study was admitted to the bar of Hillsborough county. After a successful practice of several years in Exeter, he removed to the town of Larned, Pawnee county, Kan., where he took a good position as a lawyer. He is now practising his profession in Columbus, Ohio.

Albert E. Hadlock was born in Amherst, N. H., February 9, 1863. Not long after, his father's family removed to Milford. He graduated from the Milford high school in 1880; he completed his preparation for college at Exeter academy, and graduated with high rank from Dartmouth college in 1887; was valedictorian of his class. He graduated from the Harvard Law school in 1893; he was admitted to the bar of the state of New York in 1894; he became a member of the law firm of



Pinney, Thayer & Hadlock in 1896; he was assistant to the district attorney of Richmond county, N. Y., in 1896-'97, and continues in the successful practice of his profession in the city of New York.

William T. Gunnison was born in Greenville, Miss., September 22, 1869. His parents were of Northern birth, his mother being the youngest daughter of the late Daniel Putnam. Upon the death of his father, which occurred while William was a child, his mother returned, with her children, to her ancestral home. He was educated in the Milford schools, Phillips Exeter academy, and at Dartmouth college, graduating with good rank from the latter institution in 1892. He graduated from Harvard Law school in June, 1895, and was at once admitted to the New Hampshire bar. He is now a member of the well-known Strafford county law firm of Felker & Gunnison, located in the city of Rochester, N. H.

Thomas Leonard Livermore, son of Thomas Adkins Livermore, and grandson of Solomon K. Livermore, was born at Galena, Ill., February 7, 1844. Upon the death of his mother he came to Milford, making his home with his paternal grandparents. He was educated in the public schools of Milford, Appleton academy, Mont Vernon, and Lombard university, Galesburg, Ill.

At the close of the war, in which he rendered distinguished service, he studied law with Bainbridge Wadleigh in Milford, and was admitted to the Hillsborough county bar in January, 1868. For a few months he was a partner with Mr. Wadleigh, but soon removed to Boston, where he remained in active practice until 1879. From that time until 1885 he was manager of the works and land and water power of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company at Manchester. At the close of this important service he returned to the active practice of the law in Boston, and continued to practise in partnership with Frederick P. Fish, and later with him and William K. Richardson until November, 1889, when he was made vice-president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, and assumed the duties of manager of its commercial and financial affairs.

Colonel Livermore's success as the administrator of the affairs of great corporations may give the impression that he

should be catalogued with men who have distinguished themselves in great business enterprises, but the fact remains, that, before development of ability in this direction, he had won for himself a leading position at the Massachusetts bar.

Charles J. Hamblett was born in Nashua, May 23, 1858. When five years of age his parents removed to Milford, where the family had been domiciled for two generations. He attended the Milford schools and completed his studies at Francestown academy; studied law with Robert M. Wallace of Milford and Bainbridge Wadleigh of Boston, and was graduated from the Boston University of Law in 1889. The same year he opened a law office in Nashua, and now has a large general practice. Has served four years as solicitor of the city of Nashua. Was appointed United States district attorney by President McKinley in March, 1898.

Jeremiah J. Doyle was born in New Boston, N. H., June 23, 1861. When he was a mere boy his parents removed to the settlement which grew up in the neighborhood of the Souhegan cotton mill. This collection of houses is partly in the town of Milford and partly in the town of Amherst, but its school and business interests are closely connected with the former place. As the historian recollects, the Doyle house was very near the line on the one side or the other. For the purposes of this sketch it will be assumed that the house, which was the home of young Doyle during his minority, was in whole or in part in the town of Milford.

He received the benefit of its schools, but was obliged to leave the High school a few months before what would otherwise have been the time of his graduation, in order that he might aid his parents by the product of his manual labor.

In 1881 he became a student in the office of George B. French in Nashua, and was admitted to the bar, August 28, 1884. For the larger part of three years, during which he was connected with Mr. French's office, he was a student at the University Law school in Boston, leaving that institution but a short time before his class graduated in order that he might take the examination for admission to the New Hampshire bar.

Upon his admission Mr. Doyle at once opened an office in Nashua and entered upon a successful legal career.

Mr. Doyle's experience illustrates what can be accomplished by a young man of good natural ability who is determined to overcome all obstacles which may lie in his pathway.



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HIGH, INTERMEDIATE AND EAST PRIMARY SCHOOLS.





## CHAPTER XXI.

### PHYSICIANS IN MILFORD FROM THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN—DENTISTS NOW IN PRACTICE IN TOWN.

At the time the town was incorporated (1794), the population was about one fourth what it now is. Amherst, from which the territory of the town was principally taken, was not only the county seat, but the most important place in the county. The meeting-house in the new town was less than three miles from the meeting-house in the old town. For these reasons, for several years, physicians in Amherst continued to practise in both towns.

The name of Dr. Robert Smith appears upon the tax list for the year 1797, but not before. That Dr. Smith was a reputable physician and a substantial citizen is evident from the fact that afterwards he was a member of the committee on the part of the town "to hire preaching." How many years Dr. Smith remained in town, the historian is unable to state.

Dr. Robert Fuller, who spent nearly sixty years of his life in town, was born in Westmoreland, N. H., in 1766, and located in Milford within three or four years of the time the town was incorporated. His residence for many years was upon the corner, on the site of the town house. He was a regularly educated physician, and for the larger part of his professional life adhered strictly to the allopathic school of medicine; in the later years he departed somewhat from the prescriptions of that school, but to the end of his professional life had the confidence of his townspeople to an unusual extent. He lived to see a small village become a large and prosperous town. He was twice married. His first wife and the mother of his children, was Rhoda French of Dunstable. His second wife was the widow of Isaac Lund, who for many years was a prominent citizen of Milford.

His children were born and reared in this town. Of his

children, Rhoda D. became the first wife of Thomas W. Gillis, Robert Ware became a clergyman, Esther Ware became the wife of J. H. Currier of Concord, Jacob T. was for many years a resident in town, owning a farm on the Nashua road and afterwards moved to Wisconsin where he died. His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, married Calvin McQuesten of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Mrs. McQuesten, whom the historian remembers as an unusually accomplished woman, and whose home was in Milford until the year of her marriage (1853), and whose death occurred only a year ago (1898), gives the following valuable information in a letter received since the writing of this history was commenced :

“My father’s family were the descendants of Dr. Samuel Fuller, who was a surgeon on board the *Mayflower*. My father’s father and grandfather were also physicians.”

Dr. Charles Tuttle, a native of Acton, Mass., came to Milford in 1800, and remained in the active practise of his profession for twenty years, when he returned to Acton, where he died July 1, 1858. His wife was the daughter of George Burns. His son Charles remained and died in town. Parmelia became the wife of Frederick Lovejoy. His sons George and Nelson settled in Nashua. For a score of years his name was a household word in all this region.

Dr. John Wallace, Jr., who for many years in the earlier part of the century was an active practitioner in town, was born March 28, 1781, and was a grandson of William Wallace, the early settler. His father, sometimes called Deacon John Wallace, died July 23, 1835, two years before the death of his son, Dr. John Wallace, so that Dr. Wallace was until almost the day of death called Dr. John Wallace, Jr.

Dr. Wallace studied medicine with Dr. Robert Fuller. The historian has not been able to ascertain the exact date when he commenced to practise medicine, but believes that it was not far from the time of his marriage to Olive Hutchinson in 1809. In 1820 he became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

From the day he commenced to administer professionally to the wants of his patrons to the day of his decease, Aug. 4, 1837,

he was an enthusiastic practitioner of medicine and surgery, his professional calls coming not only from Milford but from all the adjoining towns. He died in the prime of life, but not until he had rendered his town and state good service.

In 1821 Dr. James M. Fuller became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society as a resident of Milford. He was taxed here in the years 1819-'21. Beyond this we have no information of his previous or subsequent career.

Matthias Spalding, son of Micah Spalding of Chelmsford, Mass., and a nephew of Dr. Matthias Spalding of Amherst, was born May 14, 1796. He studied medicine with his uncle, and is said to have been licensed to practise in 1817, probably by the New Hampshire Southern District Medical Society. The following year he settled in Loudon, but remained there only a short time. The same year or the year following, he removed to Winchendon, Mass., and remained there until 1822, when he located in Milford, and there continued in the practice of his profession until 1830, when he emigrated to Montabello, Ill., residing in the latter place until his death, Aug. 16, 1831. He became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society in 1822.

Dr. Richard Williams was born in Groton, Mass., Jan. 12, 1803. He received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Dartmouth college in 1830. He commenced practice in Milford, January, 1831. He married Susanna Shattuck of Groton, Mass., April 25, 1832, afterwards the second wife of Hon. Leonard Chase. He was a member of the Medical Society of the Southern District of New Hampshire, of which he was secretary for several years, and at the time of his decease was president. In 1834 he became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. Dr. Williams died Oct. 6, 1842, after a most successful practice in Milford of but little more than ten years. During this time he had proved himself to be not only an able and successful physician but a citizen of most exalted character. The historian, although less than ten years old at the time, remembers the deep grief that settled over the entire community at the early death of Dr. Richard Williams. (Biographical sketch elsewhere.)

Dr. Simeon Smith Stickney, who was long identified with the

practice of medicine in Milford, was born in Townsend, Mass., Nov. 16, 1810.

Dr. Stickney came here in October, 1837, a well-equipped physician. He had practised a short time in Dublin, N. H. The death of Dr. John Wallace in the summer of 1837 created an opening, of which Dr. Stickney promptly availed himself. He was not only a well-read physician and surgeon, but possessed unusual strength of character, was positive in his opinions, and at all times ready to defend them. He had a large and successful practice until he accepted the position of postmaster under President Pierce. He also served during the Buchanan administration, in all eight years. His business capacity was such that from the time he received the appointment of postmaster he gave but partial attention to the practice of his profession, and gradually entered into real estate operations, which practically took him out of the practice of medicine some time before he died in July, 1878.

Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, a grandson of the early settler, Nathan Hutchinson, was born June 2, 1792. Was regularly educated as a physician at Dartmouth Medical college, and commenced to practice in Hancock, where he remained until 1841, holding a prominent position as a physician and surgeon and as a public-spirited citizen. He represented the town of Hancock in the legislature in 1833, 1834, and 1835. He returned to his native town in 1841 and at once entered upon a remunerative practice.

Dr. Hutchinson came here as a physician in the full maturity of his powers, and for nearly a score of years had the confidence and professional patronage of the people of the town. He was a strong man with decided convictions, which he never concealed. His citizenship was of a high order.

Dr. John H. Heard became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society as a citizen of Milford in 1843. He may have located here in 1842, as his name appears as one of the physicians appointed in March, 1843, to vaccinate the people of the town. His name appears on the tax list for 1843 only.

Dr. Hezekiah Eldredge was born in Princeton, Mass., Feb. 6, 1798. He began to practise medicine in Dunstable, Mass., in 1826; afterwards practised in Pembroke, N. H., and Amesbury,

Mass. He settled in Milford in May, 1848, where he continued to reside until his death, Jan. 25, 1870.

Dr. Eldredge was a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. During the twenty years that he was in active practice in town he had the respect of his professional brethren, who regarded him as unusually wise in counsel and true to the best traditions of the profession. The people of the town, young and old, had a most friendly feeling for him. Of his sons, one took the profession of his father, Frederick Augustus Eldredge, now or recently practising in Ohio. (Biographical sketch elsewhere.)

Dr. Osmore O. Roberts, a native of Lyndon, Vt., born Oct. 27, 1828, was the first resident physician of the homœopathic school to practice medicine in town. He settled here in 1852. Dr. Israel Herrick of Lyndeborough, a homœopathic physician, had previous to that time an extensive practice in town. Dr. J. F. Whittle, of Nashua, had often been called professionally.

Dr. Roberts is remembered by many as an active and successful practitioner. After remaining here something less than five years he left for Northampton, Mass., where he has continued in the practice of his profession.

When Dr. Roberts left town it was arranged that he should take the practice of Dr. H. J. M. Cate, then of Northampton, and that Dr. Cate should come to Milford and assume the practice of Dr. Roberts. This arrangement was carried out. Dr. Cate did not remain long in town, but was regarded as a good practitioner. He was recently in Lakewood, N. J.

Dr. Levi W. Wilkins, a native of Merrimack, born July 18, 1823, was the next homœopathic physician to settle in town. He had previously practised in Nashua, Hancock, Antrim, and Charlestown, Mass. He died in Milford, Dec. 15, 1864.

Dr. Wilkins was a well-educated physician and highly esteemed as a citizen, but on account of his lack of health during all the time he was in town he could not accomplish what he otherwise would have done.

Dr. W. H. W. Hinds, senior, born in Chichester, August 1, 1833, was the successor of Dr. Wilkins in the list of homœopathic physicians practising in town. He came to Milford in 1865, and for more than thirty years was one of the leading physicians of the town. (Biographical sketch elsewhere.)



Before the decease of Dr. Hinds, his son, W. H. W. Hinds, Jr., also a homœopathic physician, had commenced practice in town, and is now actively engaged in the profession so long honored by his father.

Dr. Samuel G. Dearborn commenced practice in Milford in June, 1853, having graduated from the medical department of Dartmouth college in November, 1849, and having practised a few months at East Tilton, and at Mont Vernon three years. His reputation as a physician and surgeon had preceded him, and he at once entered into a large general practice. Probably no physician has ever practised in town whose services were more widely sought.

After practising alone for twelve years he associated with himself his youngest brother, Dr. Thomas Benton Dearborn. For the eight succeeding years, during which this partnership continued, the firm of Samuel G. and T. B. Dearborn increased the already widely-extended business of the senior partner until it covered a territory of many miles in every direction.

In May, 1873, Dr. Samuel G. Dearborn removed to the growing city of Nashua, where he has had a large general practice, drawing patronage from all sections of the state.

At the time Dr. Samuel G. Dearborn left Milford, his brother next younger than himself, Henry G. Dearborn, a thoroughly equipped physician and surgeon, having had ten years practice in Augusta, Ill., located in Milford, but at the end of three years followed his brother Samuel G. to Nashua, where he died in June, 1886, after ten years of successful practice.

Dr. Thomas B. Dearborn, from the time his brother Henry left town until the time of his decease, June 10, 1879, continued a practice so large that, although he possessed unusual powers of endurance, he died at the age of forty years, a victim of professional overwork.

Dr. Francis P. Fitch, a native of Greenfield, graduate of Dartmouth Medical college (1831), commenced practice in New Boston, located in Amherst, 1839, where he remained twenty-six years, removed to Milford, where he was well known as a physician, in 1865. After a few years he relinquished practice and took up his residence in Vineland, N. J., where he died in 1874.





Eng. by A. J. Fitch

S. G. Dearborn

Dr. Melville E. Webb, a native of Bridgton, Me., where he was born March 3, 1842, a graduate of Bowdoin college, was in practice here for a short time in 1867. His wife was the daughter of Col. William Lane now of Nashua. Dr. Webb is now (1899) a resident of Boston, Mass., and has high rank as a physician and surgeon.

Dr. H. T. Whitney came to Milford in 1876 and remained something more than one year, when he and his wife received appointments from the American Board as missionaries to China. It is understood that his professional skill reinforces his usefulness as a missionary.

H. McIntire, M. D., a native of Stoddard, N. H., spent two years at Tufts college, studied medicine with H. G. McIntire in Concord, N. H., graduated from College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1878, and was in Milford a few months in 1879.

Cyrus K. Kelley, M. D., prepared for college at Gilmanton academy, graduated from the University of Vermont, and medical department of Dartmouth college, practised in Tilton and Plymouth, N. H., and Cambridge, Mass., and settled in Milford in 1879, but was here but a few months.

Dr. Albert W. Smith, born in Waltham, Mass., 1852, became a resident of Milford in October, 1865; graduated at Dartmouth in 1876, and at University Medical college, N. Y., 1877, and the same year commenced the practice of medicine in Milford. For many years he was a member of the board of education, representative in the general court 1889 and 1890, and moderator of many annual town-meetings.

Dr. Smith has been able to do all this while attending to a successful practice of more than twenty years.

Dr. Darius S. Dearborn, a native of Northfield, N. H., and a cousin of the three Dearborn brothers already mentioned, a good representative of a family which has furnished so many well-known physicians and surgeons to the state, located here in 1879, having previously practised four years in Brookline, and several years in Illinois, before he came to New Hampshire.

Dr. Dearborn had with him as partner for two years, Dr. Walter H. Dinsmore, who settled in practice in Amherst in 1880. Dr. Dinsmore's practice in Amherst and Milford covered about

five years. In 1885 he removed to Nashua, where he remained for a few years, when he took up his residence in Chicago.

Dr. Herbert S. Hutchinson, a native of the town and son of the late Stillman Hutchinson, was born Sept. 15, 1849, a graduate of Dartmouth college (1875) and of Bellevue Hospital Medical college, N. Y.; opened his office in Milford, May 1, 1885, having been in practice previously in Frankestown. Matthew 13:57, does not seem to apply to the experience of Dr. Hutchinson.

Dr. Charles F. Ober, a native of Nashua, where he was born March 2, 1848, was graduated from Dartmouth college in the class of 1873. He graduated in medicine at the University of the City of New York in 1879, and immediately commenced practice in Lowell, Mass., where he remained until April, 1888, when he took up his residence here.

While attending to the duties of an exacting profession he has found time to serve upon the board of education for an extended term.

Dr. Eugene Wason, a native of New Boston, where he was born April 25, 1845, came to Milford, Jan. 15, 1895. He graduated from Dartmouth Medical college in 1872, and had been in successful practice in Nashua, Londonderry, and Hancock, before commencing practice as a physician and surgeon in this town.

Dr. G. W. Ellison was born in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1864, graduated in medicine in 1894, at the college of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city; located here July 12, 1896.

Dr. Ellison is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, a Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and of other medical associations.

Dr. J. W. Finerty is a native of the town, born July 23, 1866, educated in the Milford schools and Arms academy, Shelburn Falls, Mass., from which school he graduated in 1886. He received his diploma from the New York Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital in 1889, and at once commenced practice.

Dr. William H. W. Hinds, Jr., a son of Dr. William H. W. Hinds, graduated at the Boston University School of Medicine, June 5, 1895. Previous to receiving his diploma he had assisted



his father in his practice. From the time of his graduation, either with his father or alone, he has actively and successfully practised his profession.

Dr. Mary Augusta Lull studied in both schools of medicine, graduating at the Woman's Homœopathic Medical college in New York city, April 10, 1869. After a successful practice of twelve years she took a much needed rest, traveling for more than a year in Europe. While there she visited some of the principal medical schools and hospitals, staying for several weeks in Vienna. Since her return personal business has required so much of her attention that she has not found time for active practice, but still feels the utmost interest and enthusiasm in her profession.

The following physicians are now in active practice in town : Drs. Albert W. Smith, Darius S. Dearborn, Herbert S. Hutchinson, Charles F. Ober, Eugene Wason, G. N. Ellison, Wm. H. W. Hinds, J. A. Finerty.

#### DENTISTS NOW IN PRACTICE IN MILFORD.

Charles F. Fiske, born in Temple, N. H., in 1833, attended medical lectures at Dartmouth college, studied dentistry with his brother in Clinton, Mass., where he first practised his profession. Settled in Milford in 1868, and is still in active practice.

Fred M. Wetherbee, born in Milford in 1863, graduate of Milford high school and Boston Dental college in 1886 ; commenced the practice of his profession in Milford immediately.

Fred M. Wheeler, born in Nashua, N. H., April 4, 1866. Graduated from University of Maryland, in Baltimore, in 1889. Practised his profession in Greenville until 1893, when he came to Milford.

## CHAPTER XXII.

THE COMMON — CEMETERIES — ENDICOTT PARK — CENTENNIAL  
HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING—HOLIDAY HOUSE AND RESTCROFT  
—THE TORNADO OF 1899—SOUHEGAN BANK—THE SAV-  
INGS BANK—COLLEGE GRADUATES.

### MILFORD COMMON.

As has been stated heretofore in this history, the public square or common was the gift of William Crosby, the son of Capt. Josiah Crosby, the first settler of that name in town. It was originally bounded—"beginning at the southwest corner of Shepard's bridge, thence running southerly on the west side of the road until it comes to the main road that leads to Wilton, thence westerly on the north side of said road about eight rods, thence northerly to a bound on the Souhegan river, thence by said river to the place of beginning, being the land the meeting-house stands on."

This gift was made to the Southwest Parish in 1788, before the town was incorporated. The town subsequently sold that part of the original gift bordering on the Souhegan river, which is now covered by buildings, and bought two small pieces of land on the west and northwest to complete the public square as it now stands; but the amount received for the land disposed of was much larger than the amount paid for the land purchased, so that the common or public square, in its present form, may properly be considered as a gift from William Crosby, and the further fact may be recorded that the town has something of a fund in the treasury as the result of this transaction.

In 1846 the old meeting-house was moved about four rods in a northeasterly direction from its original location, turned half round so that the end of the building which originally faced the west was made to face the south. This increased the available area of the common.

At the annual town-meeting, in 1849, permission was given in-



# THE COMMON.

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W. P. ALLEN, GARDNER, MASS.



dividuals to set out trees on the common, and provision was made for inclosing a portion of the space with a suitable fence. Soon after a number of elm trees were planted by well-known citizens. At a later day the area of the inclosure was enlarged and the number of trees increased.

Previous to the building of the new town house, which was dedicated April 27, 1870, the old house was moved to the factory lot, so called, to the east of the common where it is now known as Eagle hall.

At the annual town-meeting in 1872, E. C. Batchelder, Timothy Kaley, and Abram Fifield were appointed a committee to enclose the common or square, as it was left after the removal of the old town house. Under these instructions the committee proceeded to build a fence and to make other improvements, at a cost of \$1,075.45. In 1891, the fence having become defaced and unsightly, an article was inserted in the warrant, for the annual town-meeting, "to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to remove the fence from around the common, provided the Improvement society will set a substantial granite curbstone in its place, and concrete the walks."

During the year 1892 the fence was removed by the selectmen, and at the annual meeting, March 14, 1893, an appropriation was made to grade the common.

During that year the setting of the stone and grading was done and the selectmen in their annual report refer to the work as follows:

"During the past summer the Milford Improvement society has erected around the common a substantial curb of Milford granite at an expense of \$1,019. For this enduring piece of work we feel they should have this public expression of appreciation. The grading of the same and the streets only was at the expense of the town."

## CEMETERIES.

The custom which prevailed very generally in the eastern part of the state, notably in Rockingham and Strafford counties, of burying the dead in family yards on private estates, never obtained in the southern part of Hillsborough county to any considerable extent. Public burying grounds were laid out at an early day in Amherst, and afterwards in the South West



Parish, and in the town after it was incorporated. The burying ground on the north side of the river is an ancient yard, in use before the town was incorporated. In it repose the remains of many of the early inhabitants and it is still used.

Before the town was incorporated, and while a large part of the territory which now makes up the town was known as the South West Parish of Amherst, in 1788, William Crosby, son of Capt. Josiah Crosby, gave the town about an acre of land for a burying ground. This yard has been known for two generations at least as the old graveyard and is situated on the south-east bank of the Souhegan river, near the stone blacksmith shop. It was fully occupied many years ago.

The old yard served the inhabitants of the town upon the south side until the year 1839, when the town purchased land upon Union street and laid out a cemetery, selling the lots at public auction.

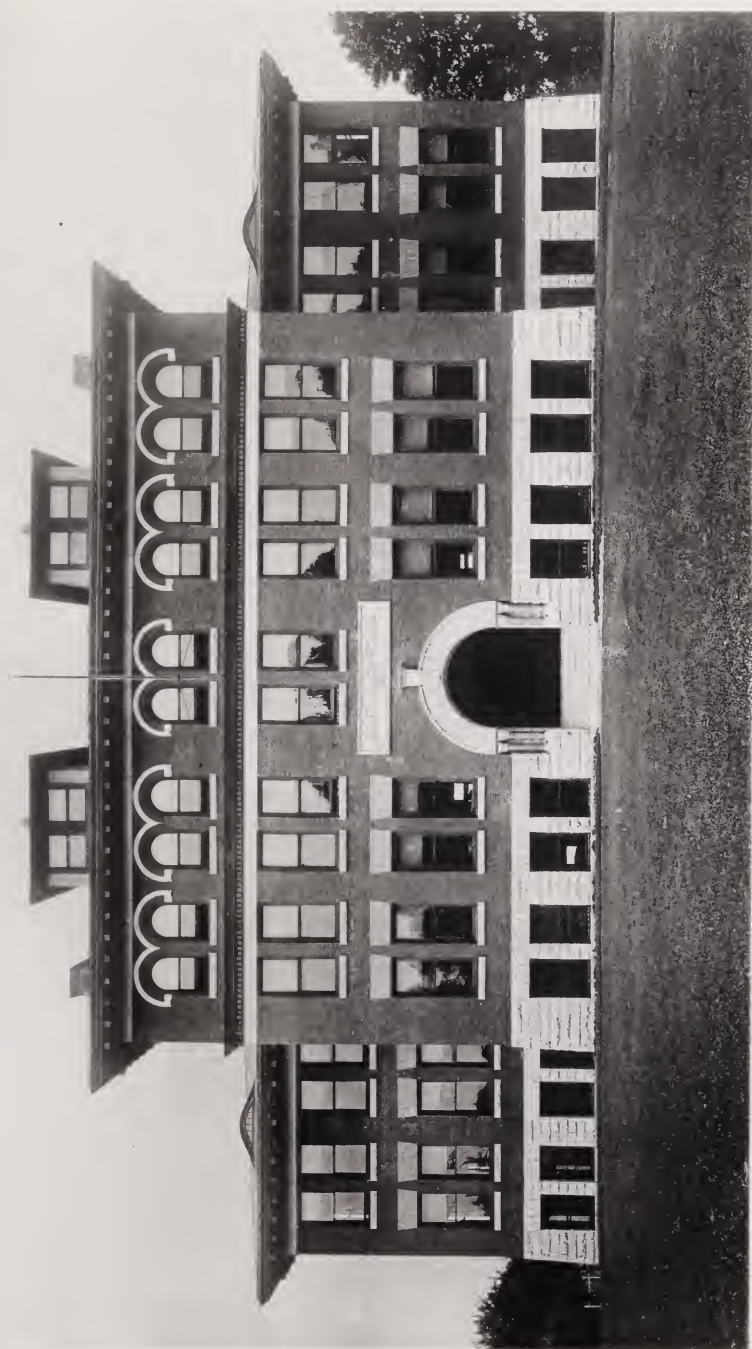
This yard in time becoming fully tenanted, the town purchased a tract of land of Humphrey Moore, a part of his original farm, in 1851, and made it a public cemetery.

In 1890 the cemetery at East Milford was established and it is the principal place where interments are now made. Its location includes the spot where "some ancient graves" remain, made presumably by the first settlers.

#### ENDICOTT PARK—CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Endicott Park and the land upon which the high school building, which was completed upon the centennial year of the incorporation of the town, stands, was originally a part of the William Crosby farm.

Oct. 6, 1794, Mr. Crosby conveyed all that part of his farm west of the brook, containing a little more than ten acres, to Benjamin French. This estate, with the exception of three or four house lots, sold upon Elm street, remained in possession of the French family for three generations. A small curtailment of the estate occurred when Col. Wm. B. Rotch purchased a small portion of the French property for the location of his printing house. The last owner was Mrs. Wm. P. Endicott, a daughter of Josiah French, granddaughter of Benjamin French,



MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.



and sister of Francis J. French. Benjamin French erected a tannery upon this estate early in the century, which was owned and operated after his decease by his son Josiah, and grandson Francis J. With one or two intermediate conveyances, the title of Mrs. Endicott passed to the town, which is the owner of this beautifully located tract of land. In honor of the accomplished woman, who was the last representative of the French family upon this estate, the land outside of the location of the high school building has been called Endicott Park.

The high school edifice is one of the finest in the state. It cost, with the land upon which it stands, nearly fifty thousand dollars, and accommodates not only the attendants of the high school, but other grades, and will long remain a monument to the enterprise of the citizens of the town who were instrumental in its erection.

#### HOLIDAY HOUSE AND RESTCROFT.

Holiday House and Restcroft are located on the height of land on Federal Hill.

In 1896, the Rev. C. H. Hutchins of Concord, Massachusetts, presented to the "Girls' Friendly Society" of Massachusetts, some twenty-five acres of land with the buildings thereon, from his Broadview farm on Federal hill. By the liberal contributions of other Episcopal friends a large and attractive boarding house was fitted up, containing thirty-three rooms and a chapel. Accommodating more than fifty girls from the Friendly Society at a time, by making changes once in two weeks, two hundred and seventy-seven were registered in 1898.

In 1899, the Rev. Dr. Hutchins presented to the same society another plot of land and a small house, which has been enlarged and fitted up for a convalescent hospital for invalid girls of the same Friendly Society. "Restcroft" is arranged with modern improvements and will accommodate sixteen invalids.

Both houses are for a summer vacation retreat for members of the society only, where good board, healthy air, and amusements are furnished at a moderate cost.

The view from this friendly retreat is unsurpassed, "beautiful for situation."

## THE TORNADO OF JULY 8, 1899.

The following is taken from the *Farmer's Cabinet* of July 13, 1899:

Not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant does it appear that this town was stricken by anything to be compared to the intense power of destruction as was demonstrated by the tornado that came almost with the suddenness of a flash of lightning on the day above mentioned. The hand of Nature has been heavily laid upon us with terrific winds, floods, cloud bursts, lightning, all of which have left their traces behind them, and all have shown the possibilities of destructive force, but at last the tornado has been added to the list, and with reluctance does it become our opportunity to record briefly some of the consequences, and the most and best that can be said of it is that no person was physically injured and that no more property was destroyed or inconvenience sustained.

About an hour before noontime a good, smart shower had been prevailing, and about one o'clock or a little after, a sudden change was noted in the village, when suddenly the wind whisked about, causing the trees to sway one way and another, blinds and doors of the houses slammed, the rain poured in torrents, when as suddenly it was observed that the air was filled with green leaves, branches, and flying shingles, accompanied with fog. The cloud formation was peculiar, resembled a whirling mass of black smoke, twisting and turning and moving at a rapid rate.

Upon investigation, it is learned that this disturbance was noticed to have started in the vicinity of the Nathaniel Hutchinson place in the southwest part of the town and gathered in full force about one thousand feet southwest of the farm of John P. Melendy. He observed the gathering of the cloud and witnessed the tearing to pieces of a large chestnut tree not far from where he first observed the cloud. The appearance was such that gave him concern, but it advanced so rapidly that he had hardly entered the house when it had gained the premises, and on its way had tipped over several large trees. It struck the house, driving in the gable windows and removing about twenty or thirty feet of the roof on the southeast corner. Crossing the road it lifted a shop 30x20, inside of which was an old-fashioned brick chimney, weighing no doubt, several tons. It lifted it several feet from the ground, moving it ten or twelve feet, chimney and all. The building is crushed in two and almost a complete wreck. Mr. Melendy had about fourteen large chicken coops which were all moved and most all broken to pieces, some of them landing down upon the Fitchburg railroad. He had some 800 chickens, a good number of which have been destroyed. He says he picked up several bushels of them scattered all about and in the adjacent fields. The dooryard is filled with upturned trees in every direction. The destruction at this place is so general



the proprietor hardly knew where to commence to reinstate his former possessions. It is probable that three hundred dollars will not replace the damage done. While going out to look after his houses, Mr. Melendy was taken by the current and rolled over and over for more than a hundred feet when he found himself down near the shop above referred to. Fortunately he was not materially injured. He says it was all over in a short time, only a minute or two in duration. As soon as the rain ceased Mr. Melendy, with the aid of other parties, succeeded in placing boards over the hole made in the roof of the house, thereby keeping out the rain that fell afterwards, otherwise the building would have been flooded with water.

At the Kidder place, just over the railroad bridge, east of the Melendy premises, this tornado next sought to levy its power by tearing in pieces a building formerly occupied by Italian laborers; one of the large elm trees was split apart; one portion containing six branches, each a foot in diameter, fell just grazing the easterly corner of the house; any one of the branches separately, would have crushed in the building. The whole fell between the house and the shed, and no experienced woodman could have felled this part of the elm, tons in weight, without demolishing both buildings. The barn on these premises was demolished; the shed, however, escaped without much injury. This place was purchased not long since of M. F. Crosby, by a Mrs. McCoda, and is being repaired generally. The roadway between the Melendy place and the one last referred to was blocked with fallen trees, requiring the services of road agent and gang of men to clear the road.

From this point traces are seen of the wind storm across the fields and woods to the Wetherbee place, where trees are blown down. It proceeded on its way until it reached the premises of N. H. Brown.

On it came over the hills and down the valley, tipping over trees and tearing them to pieces, when at the premises of N. H. Brown, on South street, the tornado struck with full force. His barn was moved two and one-half inches from its foundation; a large elm tree, seventy feet in height, was blown over. It measured six feet in circumference, two in diameter, took up solid soil, with the roots ten feet in diameter and three feet in thickness, and snapped off the roots like pipestems. Four large hen houses were tipped over and more or less destroyed, while one was blown to splinters and scattered all over the meadow. These houses were new not long since, and cost him fifty dollars apiece. His larger fowls did not suffer much, but about a hundred chickens and the houses that contained them were among things missing. Mr. Brown's loss is quite severe.

The adjoining place of Mr. Cutts came next in the path of destruction. In the orchard adjoining Mr. Brown's almost every apple tree was uprooted, while those near the road were blown into the road, filling it up and preventing public travel. His loss is probably twenty-five apple trees.

At the pumping station the force was sufficient to turn up the metal saddle boards in the building and nearly wrenched the weather vane from its place. The frame covering to the small well was caught up and reduced to kindling wood; the cupola, however, landed a good distance in the brook. The meadow for a long way was covered with pieces of boards, while the shingles floated in the air all over town.

At Fay's cottage, opposite the pumping station, the chimney to the L was blown down. The shed in the rear of the house was taken and torn to pieces and scattered over the lot on the north side of the house. Some of the planks were driven two feet into the ground. Directly opposite the station a large hemlock tree, a foot or more in diameter, was snapped off three feet from the ground.

Between the station and Jason Coffin's place, several large trees were blown over. One wild cherry tree, six inches in diameter, half way between the station and the above place, was wrenched off at the butt and landed in Coffin's dooryard. At the last named place a chimney was blown down, the bricks penetrating the roof. The apple trees all around the house were laid over and broken off. Windows were smashed, wire fences torn to pieces.

At the Rodney Hutchinson place wild havoc might have been seen in all directions. Large branches of chestnut trees from the hill above were scattered all round, some of them coming three hundred feet. Here as elsewhere, the apple trees are blown over, fifteen in all.

Gilson hill did not entirely escape the fury of the tornado. Eleven thrifty apple trees on the Cheney lot were thrown over and will require the services of the wood chopper.

In the Gilson orchard four apple trees are torn up by the roots, only one of which was of much account as a fruit grower.

At the residence of Mr. Titus on Prospect avenue, two of his hen houses were overturned, one being torn to pieces. He lost quite a number of nice hens.

A stick of timber, about sixteen feet in length, one foot in width and three inches in thickness, supposed to have been a portion of the well house at the station, was dropped near the house of Everett Coffin, penetrating the ground to a depth of two feet or more. Had it come down upon the roof of the house it would have gone from roof to cellar. So far as has been learned no person has been injured, notwithstanding the fact that so much material and tree branches were flying in the air, also that the tempest did not strike nearer the village.

Leroy Talbot on Clinton street, had a portion of his barn carried away, while his garden is a complete wreck. This point seems to have been the ending of the tornado campaign.

As soon as the rain ceased, Road Agent Taylor, with his gang of men, proceeded up South street and commenced to cut out and clear the road so that teams could pass, and they were kept busy all the afternoon.



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## THE SOUHEGAN BANK.

This institution as a state bank was organized in 1855, and continued to do business under its state charter until 1865 with a capital of \$100,000. After an existence under its charter, of ten years, it was reorganized under the name of the Souhegan National Bank.

Its presidents have been, Thomas Chase from 1855 to 1861 ; Hiram A. Daniels from 1861 to 1872 ; William B. Towne from 1872 to 1876 ; Robert R. Howison from 1876 to 1883 ; Clinton S. Averill from 1883 to 1892 : John McLane from 1892 to .

Its cashiers have been, Hiram A. Daniels from 1855 to 1859 ; Gilbert Wadleigh from 1859 to 1864 ; Charles A. Daniels from 1864 to 1869 ; Frederick T. Sawyer from 1869 to 1898 ; Frederick W. Sawyer from 1898 to .

The bank has served the people of the town and vicinity nearly forty-five years ; has been well managed and paid reasonable dividends, meeting with no unusual losses, except in the robbery, which occurred Oct. 19, 1874. Allusion is made to this robbery on page 239 of this volume.

It is worthy of note that Frederick T. Sawyer, a most highly esteemed citizen, was the efficient and conscientious cashier of this institution for almost thirty years.

## THE SAVINGS BANK.

The Milford Five Cents Savings Institution was incorporated June 27, 1859. In 1887 the name was changed to Milford Savings Bank.

The bank commenced business soon after it was incorporated. Daniel Russell was president, Calvin Averill and William Ramsdell, vice-presidents, William R. Wallace, secretary, and Hiram A. Daniels, treasurer ; Bainbridge Wadleigh, S. Smith Stickney, Benjamin I. Conant, Clinton S. Averill, Martin Hall, George H. Gillis, William Lane, Abel Chase, George W. Burns, Ebenezer C. Batchelder, Francis J. French, Hezekiah Eldridge, and Frederick Crosby, trustees.

Presidents from time of organization, Daniel Russell from 1859 to August, 1866 ; William Ramsdell from August, 1866, to August, 1872 ; William B. Towne from August, 1872 to 1876 ;



Dexter S. Burnham from August, 1876, to his death in 1892 ; Robert M. Wallace from August, 1892, to August, 1893 ; William H. W. Hinds from August, 1893, to 1897, Carl E. Knight from August, 1897, to .

Treasurers, Hiram A. Daniels from 1859 to August, 1863 ; William R. Wallace from August, 1863, till his death in July, 1871 ; Gilbert Wadleigh from August, 1871, to 1875 ; Clinton S. Averill from August, 1875, to December, 1891 ; William M. Knowlton from January, 1892, to .

In 1892 the assets of the bank exceeded one million and a half. The panic of 1893 which swept over the entire country affected savings banks of New Hampshire more than any other institutions. With what was thought to be ordinary prudence the savings banks of the East had made large investments in Western mortgages and other securities. With the breaking out of the panic the Eastern money centers of the country refused all accommodations to the West and a general collapse in that section of the country ensued. Many depositors in New Hampshire banks knowing of the stringency in the money market withdrew their deposits to be prepared for any emergency which might happen. Others who had no immediate or prospective need of money were moved, in fear of what might happen, to join the number withdrawing. It is the opinion of the historian that if the withdrawals since 1893 had been no larger in volume than the average of previous years, and the depositors had been content with the rate of interest which our best banks are now paying, and the state had taxed savings banks as it is now taxing them, the Milford Savings bank would be now doing business as before the panic of '93. The deposits having been reduced about one third by withdrawals, at the request of the trustees, June 12, 1893, the bank was enjoined by the court and since that time has been in liquidation.

The following persons were the trustees at the time the bank went into liquidation : John E. Bruce, William M. Knowlton, John Hadlock, George E. Clarke, William H. W. Hinds, John McLane, Carl E. Knight, James E. Webster, Frank Hartshorn, Frank W. Richardson, Oliver H. Foster, William F. French, Henry H. Barber.

## COLLEGE GRADUATES.

The following is a list of college graduates, either natives of the town, or long-time residents, so far as known to the historian :

- Humphrey Moore, clergyman, Harvard, 1799.  
Solomon K. Livermore, lawyer, Harvard, 1802.  
Stephen Peabody, lawyer, Harvard, 1803.  
Elisha F. Wallace, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1811.  
Leonard J. Livermore, clergyman, Harvard, 1842.  
Rodney M. Stimson, journalist, Marietta, Ohio, 1847.  
Clinton S. Averill, lawyer, Norwich University, 1849.  
John P. Towne, lawyer, Norwich University, 1852.  
Josiah W. Pillsbury, teacher, Dartmouth, 1840.  
Gilbert Wadleigh, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1847.  
Francis B. Peabody, lawyer, Trinity College, 1848.  
David A. Secombe, lawyer (3 years), Dartmouth, 1851.  
Edward B. Knight, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1861.  
Jonas Hutchinson, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1863.  
Robert M. Wallace, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1867.  
Charles F. Ober, physician, Dartmouth, 1873.  
Carl E. Knight, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1873.  
Herbert F. Hutchinson, medicine, Dartmouth, 1875.  
Fred W. Farnsworth, teacher, Dartmouth, 1877.  
Ira W. Holt, teacher, Dartmouth, 1881.  
Albert E. Hadlock, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1887.  
J. Odlin Tilton, medicine, Colby University, 1875.  
A. B. Tilton, clergyman, Brown University, 1865.  
Percy Barker, N. H. Agricultural College, 1892.  
John C. Hadlock, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1896.  
John V. Gunnison, business, Dartmouth, 1895.  
Wm. T. Gunnison, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1892.  
Chas. A. Hatch, medicine, Dartmouth, 1875.  
Geo. W. Hatch, medicine, Dartmouth, 1878.  
Maurice Mather, teacher, Harvard, 1890.  
Morton C. Tuttle, business, Dartmouth, 1897.  
Harry Richardson, N. H. Agricultural College, 1898.  
Henry Hale Dearborn, medicine, Dartmouth, 1899.  
Charles H. Donahue, lawyer, Dartmouth, 1899.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

#### REV. HUMPHREY MOORE, D. D.

Humphrey Moore, the youngest child of Humphrey and Mary Sweetser Moore, who for more than a generation was the minister of the town and who lived among its people for nearly seventy years, was born in Princeton, Mass., Oct. 19, 1778.

His grandfather was Paul Moore; his great-grandfather was John Moore; his great-great-grandfather was Jacob Moore, natives of Sudbury, Mass.; his great-great-great-grandfather was John Moore who emigrated from England and settled in Cambridge but removed to Sudbury in 1643.

His parents, according to the testimony of the son, "were industrious, economical, exemplary in their lives, and respected by all their acquaintances." From them he obtained all the instruction he received previous to his ninth year, when he became for the first time a pupil in the district school. Robert B. Thomas, his first teacher in school, taught him to write, and under his instruction the pupil became a good penman, and at the age of ninety-two years his manuscripts were not only legible but good specimens of hand-writing for any age. He was also thoroughly grounded in elementary mathematics by his first public instructor. His father died when he was twelve years old. From this time he depended upon his own exertions for a livelihood. The four years preceding his admission to Harvard College in 1795, were spent in alternate study and manual labor. He was obliged to practice the strictest economy in order to meet the expenses of his preparatory course and to put himself in respectable condition to appear before the faculty of Harvard college for examination. The coat which he wore on important occasions for the first two years of college life was made from one which was given to his father at the age of twenty-one years as a freedom coat and by him worn as a best garment until his death or for a period of thirty-one years. He maintained a good position in college and graduated with the class of 1799. There was a vacation of four weeks preceding commencement and not wishing to lose this time he engaged a school in Bath, Maine, to continue six months. Not being present at commencement in 1799, he did not receive the degree of A. B. until the following year.

After closing his school in Bath in December, 1799, he became a student in theology with Dr. Backus, of Somers, Connecticut, who

was accustomed to train young men for the ministry, there being at that time no theological schools in the country. After the usual course in divinity he was licensed to preach by the association of which Dr. Backus was a member. He was settled as pastor of the church in Milford, Oct. 13, 1802, and sustained that relation one third of a century. April 5, 1803, he was united in marriage with Hannah Peabody, third daughter of the late William Peabody. Of this marriage there were three daughters and one son. Two daughters survived him. He remained in Mr. Peabody's family one year, looking for a good farm upon which to settle, it having been his purpose from boyhood to till the soil with his own hands.

In April, 1804, he was successful in negotiating for the farm upon which he moved that year and which he occupied the remainder of his life. His choice was wisely made. It had an ample acreage, was made up of a variety of soil, with wood lots and pasturage and an interval area of twenty acres. It was situated in the immediate vicinity of the village and a considerable portion of it is now covered with dwelling houses, having been sold from time to time for house lots to meet the demands of the increasing business of his adopted town. The elms in front of the mansion, which he lived to occupy so long, and above and below it, were planted by him, as well as the central tree upon the public square.

In the winter of 1803 and 1804, he taught the school in his own district in addition to his other duties, and until the close of his life maintained the deepest interest in the schools of the town. He fitted many young men for college during the earlier years of his ministry. Most of his students gave some portion of their time to the cultivation of the soil, some of them to recompense him for board and tuition and some for the health and pleasure it brought.

At the distance of ninety years it is difficult to understand how the young clergyman could perform so much labor in so many departments. He gave his personal attention to all his farming operations, working in the field nearly as constantly as any man he hired, occasionally taking a day for a parochial visit, generally at some season of the year other than the busiest. The larger part of his sermons were thought out while he was engaged with some tool of agriculture in his hand and written out, with rare exceptions, at night after the companions of his day's labor were asleep. As a consequence, his discourses were practical and easily understood by the masses who listened to him. His illustrations were never brought from far but came out of the ordinary experience of an average human life. He was a good writer; could say in a few words what he desired to express; was logical in argument and pointed in application; was ready at repartee and a formidable opponent in skirmish or protracted controversy. During his pastorate of a third of a century he was held in the highest estimation by his professional brethren and by general consent was counted a very strong preacher. He had a slight lisp in his speech but it was so



slight that it did not impair his force as a public speaker as he uniformly spoke with deliberation. He possessed a commanding presence, his height was something more than six feet and his body seemed to have been framed for the performance of the best possible work. His physical and mental equipment was fortunately dominated by a gentle and devout spirit. It is the testimony of those nearest to him that in his protracted life he was never betrayed into the utterance of a hasty or unkind word. He was generously endowed with wit, but used this gift in such manner as to leave no sting behind.

In 1808 he purchased a second farm adjoining the first. Subsequently he made other purchases until he had, at one time, more than three hundred acres of improved land under his control. In the year 1820, he built the brick house which he lived to occupy fifty-one years. The house cost, exclusive of what was done by himself and his team, four thousand dollars, and was at that time one of the best residences in the county. The same year the legislature constituted a State Board of Agriculture, for the purpose of making an annual publication in the interest of agriculture. He was one of the committee of publication. In the report of 1822, which was the first report made, he was the author of one hundred and fourteen out of one hundred and twenty-eight pages. Fifty years later, James O. Adams, secretary of our State Board of Agriculture, reproduced a large part of Dr. Moore's work, saying: "The author from whom I quote discusses with so much good sense the very questions which interest the farmer of to-day, that I copy freely." But farming was not, in his own language, his primary object, and in 1824, he published a volume of four hundred pages, entitled, "A Treatise on the Divine Nature, Exhibiting the Distinction of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Previous to this time he had published a pamphlet of eighty-four pages in fine type entitled, "A Reply to a series of letters on the Mode and subject of Baptism addressed to the public by Stephen Chapin." The same year he espoused the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, and never after used any spirituous liquor. He entered into this reform, as into everything he undertook, with his whole heart, writing and speaking much upon the subject. He had ten temperance lectures, one of which he delivered in twelve towns in the state. A barn which he raised in 1827, was the first building raised in Milford without the aid of some kind of intoxicating liquor. In the year 1829, he was appointed by the governor to preach the election sermon before the legislature, and performed the duty at the meeting of the body in June. In 1830 he buried his wife, with whom he had lived nearly twenty-seven years. Of her he wrote: "She was a faithful and affectionate wife. She was a kind and watchful mother. She brought up her children to diligence in business and to correct habits. She taught them morality and religion, and accompanied her instructions with a corresponding example. She was remarkable for industry and frugality, and was successful in whatever she undertook."



He subsequently married Mary J. French, the daughter of the late Stephen French, of Bedford. She died Nov. 23, 1898, at the advanced age of 90 years. (A biographical sketch of this noble woman appears elsewhere.)

He closed his labors as pastor of the church January 10, 1836, but continued to preach as occasion offered, until he reached the age of nearly fourscore years. He was a good pastor; large additions were made to the membership of the church during his pastorate and he left the office he had so long filled at a time when the church was united and strong. After the close of his pastorate his active mind found employment in scientific experiments upon his farm. He never fed his ground highly, but all the material he put upon it was perfectly prepared to assist nature in the perfection of a crop. He received one or more first premiums for the most profitably cultivated farm. He interspersed these labors with the mental exercise of lecture-writing, preparing and delivering in Milford and adjoining towns between thirty and forty addresses upon popular subjects. He lectured twenty-eight times before the Milford lyceum. Thirteen of his occasional sermons were published, and eight addresses.

Although in no sense a politician, never having attended a caucus or convention in his life, the anti-slavery party insisted that he should allow his name to be used as a candidate for the House of Representatives in 1840, and again as a candidate for the State Senate in 1841. To his surprise he was elected to both positions by the joint action of the Whigs and the anti-slavery men of all parties.

During his service in the House there were referred to that body by our governor copies of resolutions passed by the legislature of the state of South Carolina. These resolutions were sent to the judiciary committee and a report was made to the House in the form of resolutions setting forth the duty of the several states to return fugitive slaves. Upon this report the struggle in the legislature of New Hampshire between the friends and opponents of human slavery began, and in the protracted debate Dr. Moore was a leader, crossing swords with the ablest lawyers in the state.

The same subject came up in the Senate the following year, and he again stood four square for human freedom. Of him it can be truthfully said that "he never concealed his opinions or took counsel of his fears."

Dr. Moore left an auto-biographical sketch of one hundred and thirty closely written pages of manuscript. The following is the record of his experience in the House of Representatives in 1840, at the time the slavery resolutions were under discussion:

"I was requested by several to speak. It required but a few words to persuade me to comply. No sooner had I begun than there was great excitement and confusion in the House. A majority of the members had no sympathy with the remarks I made. They used every imaginable effort to put me down. They shuffled and stamped

with their feet. Some kicked the spit boxes which were near them. There was a roar of confusion. But I was neither intimidated nor embarrassed. I raised my voice to its highest pitch and to its greatest strength, but it was overwhelmed by a flood of mixed noises. When I could not be heard on account of the tumultuous confusion in different parts of the house, I appealed to the speaker by expressive looks. He commanded order. But no sooner was it restored, and I began to speak than the same farce was acted over again. At length an enraged opponent, to sweep me from the floor, called me to order. The speaker decided that I was in order, and that I might go on. I went on till I had finished my speech amidst the clamor of the opposition."

The resolutions passed the House by a decided majority, and went to the Senate where they were referred to the next session. In 1841, while Mr. Moore was a member of the Senate, resolutions of the same character passed the House but were indefinitely postponed by the Senate.

In 1845, contrary to his inclination, but yielding to a stern sense of duty and to the repeated suggestion that in a cause so unpopular the names of the candidates upon the ticket must be men well known throughout the state as the tried friends of the cause of human freedom; he allowed his name to be used by the Free-soil party as a candidate for Congress. The state was then entitled to four members, and they were elected upon a general ticket. His associates were Reuben Porter, Joseph Cilley, and Jared Perkins. This ticket received a little less than five thousand votes.

John P. Hale at the time ran as an independent Democrat, his nomination by the regular Democratic party having been revoked. Mr. Hale received more votes than anyone on the regular Free-soil ticket, defeating one of the Democratic nominees without being elected himself, a majority of votes at that time being required to secure an election.

In the year 1845, he received the honorary degree of D. D. For the last twenty years of his life, which ended April 8, 1871, he gradually withdrew from active public work. He continued, however, to write sermons, lectures, and essays, and to attend the meetings of his ministerial and agricultural associations until the infirmities of age prevented. Few men have found their latter years so pleasant, or reaped so much satisfaction in a field usually so barren. Few have found their last their best days, but it was so with him. He never found fault with anything. To him, the divine order of events was satisfactory. His purpose from the beginning was to fill a man's place in the world. This gave character to all his actions. When the late rebellion came upon the country, he hired a substitute to represent him for three years in the war saying, "I desire to have a part in this conflict."

Dr. Moore was orthodox in sentiment and preached the doctrines usually held by the churches of his denomination at the time he was

a settled pastor, but he held these doctrines in a most catholic spirit.

The creed of the church in Milford, written by him soon after his settlement, has never been altered.

His sermon preached at the ordination of Rev. Abel Conant at Leominster, Mass., some twenty years after his own ordination, and which was printed, reads well to-day notwithstanding the theological changes of the last three-quarters of a century.

At the Centennial celebration in June, 1894, the speakers, without exception, assigned to the beloved pastor a large share in placing Milford, where the town has stood, upon all the great questions which have agitated the public mind for the past seventy-five years.

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### SOLOMON KIDDER LIVERMORE.

Solomon Kidder Livermore was born in Wilton, March 2, 1779, and died in Milford, July 9, 1859. He was the son of Rev. Jonathan Livermore, the first minister of Wilton, and a descendant in the fifth generation from John Livermore, who came from Ipswich, England, to America in 1634, and settled in Watertown, Mass. He fitted at Dr. Pemberton's school in Billerica, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1802. He studied law with Oliver Crosby in Dover, was admitted to the bar at Gilmanton in 1806, began practice in Dover, and then removing to Milford in 1809 pursued his profession there until 1850, when he relinquished his practice to Bainbridge Wadleigh.

He married Abigail Atkins Jarvis of Cambridge, Mass., July 4, 1810, and, having purchased of Joel Crosby the Blanchard farm, established his residence in the farmhouse at the corner of the roads which are now Elm and Union streets. The farm embraced nearly all the land now enclosed between Elm and Cottage streets, the south line of Cemetery No. 2 and its prolongation, and the brook. In 1832 he built his office, which still stands, and in 1842 he built the house on his homestead which is now the residence of his daughter, and occupied it until his decease.

In 1809 Milford, with a population of 1,100 and with only half a dozen houses within the limits of the present village, did not promise what would to-day be thought a lucrative legal practice, but Portsmouth, with 6,934 people, was then the only large town in New Hampshire, and at that day legal affairs were not drawn from the country towns to the larger places as they are to-day. Mr. Livermore was an example of a large number of college graduates, who, near the early part of the century, established themselves in the small towns of the state, there in contentment to practise law or medicine or preach the Word, whose learning and liberal sentiments had great influence in molding the character of their communities. Milford offered the advantage of proximity to Amherst, then one of the shire towns of the county, which was for years the centre of the finest social influence

in the county. Not the least of the attractions growing out of this proximity lay in the opportunity for meeting the bar at the sessions of the court in Amherst. The Hillsborough bar, as it was then constituted, was exceptionally brilliant. The record of one of its meetings, which was attended by Mr. Livermore, October 9, 1811, gives among the names of the fifteen members present those of Daniel Webster, Ezekiel Webster, James Wilson, C. H. Atherton, William Gordon, and B. M. Farley. In 1831 Mr. Livermore was elected secretary of the bar, and he held that office a number of years.

Whatever the advantages of location may have seemed to him, attachment to the region of his nativity and to his friends and relatives there was the controlling motive which led him to fix his home on the Souhegan. As the law alone could not afford him a maintenance in that small community, he tilled his farm to eke out his living. He found pleasure in the contact with the soil and in the intimacy with nature, animate and inanimate. The great trees which now shadow his homestead were planted by his hands, and to observe their growth was a constant satisfaction to him. Amid his fields and among his kine he awaited his clients to come. That he soon attracted the notice of the public is shown by the fact that in 1809 the people of New Ipswich, Wilton, and Temple, uniting to celebrate Independence day, chose him to address them. In the course of time he acquired the confidence and business of a wide circle of friends, and as he advanced in years their confidence was manifested by the fact that nearly all the estates of his deceased fellow-townsmen were intrusted to him to settle. His equable judgment, his love of justice, and his desire for peace inclined him to the office of counsellor rather than that of advocate, and he strove to adjust the differences of his neighbors without litigation. He chose his line of conduct in the motto from the Latin poet which he wrote in his law books, *Miseris succurrere disco* (I learn to aid the unfortunate).

His relations with his clients were illustrated by the fact that they almost entirely built his house of 1842, in payment of long-standing accounts for legal services which he had not wished to press nor they to avoid. He was called "the Squire" by his neighbors, and he was a fine specimen of that race of country squires, now nearly, if not quite, extinct, who in old times lived their dignified, useful, and contented lives in the New England towns, without thought of wider fields. He was conspicuous for his charitable judgment, his kindness, his gentle dignity, and his love of humor. It can be truthfully said of him that he died without an enemy and with the respect and affection of the whole community. He was deliberate in forming his opinions as well as in speech and movement. As age grew upon him his white locks and impressive face and figure made him venerable in appearance as he was in character. He was fond of music and the congenial society of his neighbors, and with these pleasures he joined a familiarity with the classics which endured during his whole life.



To the last it was his custom in church to follow the reading of the Scriptures in the Greek text.

In politics he was successively Federalist, Whig, Free Soiler, and Republican, but although he represented the town in the legislature a number of times he had no taste for a political career. His greatest wish was to see the town flourishing and filled with law-abiding citizens. He took a great interest in children and served on the school committee many years. He and his wife, at first members of the Congregational church, joined the Unitarian association at its formation and worshiped with the first society formed in Milford. After its dissolution they took communion in the Unitarian church at Wilton, but at other times attended the Congregational church in Milford. His respect for the ceremony of worship was not bounded by creeds, and, alone in all the congregation, to the end of his days, he maintained the custom of standing during the long prayer. No better view of his faith in religion and the honor of man, as well as his straightforward manner of uttering his sentiments, can be given than by quoting an extract from a letter written by him in 1832 to a connection with whom he was about to intrust one of his sons, 18 years of age, for an expedition across the continent. He says, speaking for his wife and himself, "If he must join a company like that which you are forming, we know no one, whom we would so soon place at its head as yourself. We also agree that one thing in you is not such as we would it were, viz.: your sentiments upon religion and the Bible—at least such sentiment as you have expressed and endeavored to defend in our conversations, and when we assure you that if Thomas were to imbibe or cherish such skeptical views it would become of great grief to us, we confide in your honor that you will forbear to converse with him on that subject. While we desire to remember with unceasing gratitude whatever you do or design, to introduce him to such business and pursuits as 'may meet the wants of existence', believing, as we do, that after existence here and all business and pursuits and wants connected therewith shall terminate by what we call death, an existence will commence which will never end, we cannot but deprecate whatever may have a tendency to mar the happiness of that interminable existence."

He was a constant advocate of temperance. Firm in his opposition to slavery, he regarded it as a curse to both master and slave of which all would be glad to be rid. He did not believe that it should be made a cause for war between the states, but he hoped that the abolition of it would be compassed by the constant expression of a fair sentiment against it, which should grow to be irresistible.

His fifty years in Milford were without reproach, and his daily life and professional career were constant influences for the good of the community.

The foregoing sketch was prepared by a grandson of its subject, Col. Thomas L. Livermore.



The historian, who was five and twenty years old when this noble man closed his earthly career, and who had learned from personal acquaintance as well as from frequent conversations with his friend and co-worker in all that made for the good of the town, Humphrey Moore, to love and venerate him, wishes to indorse what his relative has so modestly said, and to affirm that the sketch, although a beautiful tribute to uncommon moral worth and professional conduct, falls short, far short, of what might truthfully be said of this citizen who so greatly honored the town of his adoption and the state which gave him birth.

To this worthy man and his wife, were born a large family of children; those living to mature years attained, without exception, honorable positions in society. Elizabeth Abigail, born March 28, 1818, is now (1899) the honored occupant of the family mansion which her father erected in the year 1842.

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#### REV. EPHRAIM PUTNAM BRADFORD.

Rev. Ephraim Putnam Bradford, one of the most eminent men whose birthplace was within the territory now Milford, was born Dec. 27, 1776. He was the son of Capt. John Bradford, who distinguished himself in the Revolutionary War, particularly at Bennington, where he bore a conspicuous part as commander of a company in Col. Moses Nichols's regiment, one of the three New Hampshire regiments of Stark's command. He was graduated at Harvard College at the age of twenty-seven; studied theology with the celebrated Dr. Lathrop, of West Springfield, Mass.; was licensed to preach at the same place in 1804. At this date the Presbyterian church of New Boston was without a pastor, its former and only pastor, Rev. Solomon Moor, having died May 28, 1803, at the age of sixty-seven, after a ministry of over thirty-four years. By some means the church had heard of Mr. Bradford, and sent for him to supply their pulpit as a candidate for settlement. After preaching four or five months, and making a very favorable impression on the minds of the people, by a vote of the town, he was cordially invited to become their pastor, at a salary of four hundred dollars per annum, with an additional sum of four hundred dollars as a "settlement benefit."

To become the successor of the venerable and popular Rev. Solomon Moor was, in the mind of Mr. Bradford, no small undertaking. But the cordiality and unanimity of the call made such a favorable impression on his mind that, after two or three weeks of earnest and prayerful consideration, he decided to accept. His ordination and installation occurred on Feb. 26, 1806. This was an event which, at that early period, awakened a widespread interest. It was attended with most solemn and imposing ceremonies. Besides the regular council of



*Ephraim P. Bradford*



Presbyterian ministers, it was decided to invite six Congregational clergymen from the adjacent towns to join the Presbytery as council; and the town, by a kind of independent action, and with a pleasing magnanimity, voted to invite *all* the neighboring ministers to be present. The Rev. Jesse Appleton of Hampton, afterwards president of Bowdoin College, was invited to preach the ordination sermon. His text was I Cor. 1: 20: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment." The assembly on this occasion was very large; the services were deeply impressive, and worthy of the event. Nothing was wanting on the part of the town to render the ordination of their chosen pastor profitable and imposing. They planned liberally and executed magnanimously. The 26th of February was cherished by that generation as the most delightful event of their lives.

Rev. Mr. Cogswell, one of his successors in the New Boston pulpit, says of Mr. Bradford: "To prepare himself more effectually to labor for the good of his people he purchased a small farm upon one of the loftiest hills of New Boston, now known as the 'Bradford Hill,' whence he could survey vast regions of country, and witness such glorious risings and settings of the sun as are seen from but few localities. Here he provided a home, and, on Sept. 1, 1806, was married to Miss Mary Manning, daughter of Deacon Ephraim Barker, of Amherst, with whom he lived for nearly forty years, greatly given to hospitality, with a growing family, loving his people and loved by them in return."

His ministerial labors were highly appreciated and were profitable to his parishioners. The church, from time to time, received large accessions to its membership. In 1815 forty were added, and in 1826 thirty more were received. During 1831 and onward, for three or four years in succession, a very widespread revival interest prevailed, when nearly one hundred were added to the church. It was during Mr. Bradford's efficient ministry, and largely through his zeal and untiring efforts, that, in 1823, the old, inconvenient, and dilapidated meeting-house was abandoned, and a new one was erected. It was dedicated on Christmas day, 1823. The congregation filled the house to its utmost capacity, and listened to an appropriate discourse, delivered by their own pastor, whom the proprietors had selected for the occasion. His text was II Chronicles 6: 41: "Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into Thy resting place, Thou and the Ark of Thy strength; let Thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with Salvation and let Thy saints rejoice in goodness."

From this new pulpit Mr. Bradford proclaimed the gospel truth unto the people for almost twenty-two years, making an aggregate ministry in both houses of worship of nearly forty years.

During all this period, so uniform and robust was his health that his public services were not interrupted for more than four or five Sabbaths.

In the early part of 1845, however, he suffered a severe illness, from which he only partially recovered, when, taking a severe cold, he suddenly died of croup, on Dec. 14, 1845, aged sixty-nine, greatly lamented by old and young throughout the whole town.

Rev. Dr. Whitton, in speaking of Mr. Bradford, says: "After his settlement in the ministry he rapidly rose into distinction. Few men in the state were equally acceptable in the desk. In the controversy relative to Dartmouth College, from 1815 to 1819, he was one of a committee of three appointed by the legislature to investigate its condition."

Mr. Cogswell further says of Mr. Bradford: "He had a commanding person, a rich voice, combined with a high order of intellect and great suavity of manners. He had the faculty of making people *feel well* and to believe that he highly esteemed them. And his love for them begat love toward himself. Every crumb of bread was sweet, wherever among his people it might be eaten, and every home and every locality was pleasant and attractive. Thus he was welcomed at every door by gladdened hearts. Mr. Bradford was a fine classical scholar, and had read much, so that in conversation he was able to draw from rich and abundant stores, which a retentive memory always commanded. His fund of wit and anecdotes, of classic and historical allusions, seemed never exhausted. Able readily to read character and motives, he seemed always prepared for all occasions and to meet all persons, knowing how to order his conversation aright."

Rev. Mr. Aiken, late of Park Street church, Boston, remarks: "Mr. Bradford was literally one of nature's noblemen; of princely person, with a sonorous, commanding voice, exceedingly fluent and accurate in speech, modeled somewhat after Johnson's style, so richly gifted in mind and heart that, with little preparation for his Sabbath services, he stood among the first preachers of the state."

It is not strange the people of New Boston became proud of their minister, since he gave character to them and distinction to the town. The town of Milford shared this feeling with the town of his adoption.

From the time of Mr. Bradford's settlement, which was but four years later than the settlement of Humphrey Moore, the friendship between them was intimate, ending only with the decease of Mr. Bradford.

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#### DR. JOHN WALLACE.

Dr. John Wallace was born in Milford, March 28, 1781. His great-grandfather, Joseph Wallace, emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1726, and settled in Londonderry, N. H., with his wife Margaret and son William.

William Wallace, the first settler of the name, was in Milford as







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early as 1754. He married a daughter of John Burns, Sr. His son, Deacon John Wallace, was born in Milford, March 20, 1757. His wife was Mary Bradford. Dr. John Wallace, the subject of this sketch, studied medicine with Dr. Robert Fuller of Milford, and commenced his life-work as a physician in his native town. He subsequently became an active member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. September 5, 1809, he married Olive Hutchinson, daughter of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson. She died April 16, 1828. September 22, 1829, he married Eliza Burns, daughter of Moses and Betsey Bradford Burns. His second wife survived him many years. A son of his second marriage, John James Wallace, Esq., is still living in the West.

As a physician and surgeon Dr. Wallace had a prominent position, his professional calls coming not only from Milford, but from every adjoining town. He died Aug. 4, 1837, in the midst of a life of unusual usefulness, beloved and mourned by a large circle of acquaintances. He was a man of culture and refinement, fond of literature, and himself a poet of no mean ability, as the pages of his journal testify. He was deeply interested in everything which pertained to the welfare of his townspeople and was a warm supporter of the Christian church.

The high esteem in which he was held was witnessed by the many friends who followed him to his final resting-place, and the many expressions of love and respect which emanated from those who knew him best. He was indeed the "beloved physician" of his day.

While there have been other citizens of the town who were universally respected and beloved, it is safe to say that in this regard Dr. John Wallace had no superior. He served the town ten years as a member of the board of selectmen, holding the office at the time of his decease. He represented the town in the legislature in 1833-'34. He was five times a member of the State Senate, and three times a member of the governor's council. This is a most remarkable record for a professional man with a very large practice.

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#### GEORGE DANIELS.

George Daniels, son of Jonathan Daniels and Sarah Clark, was born in Holliston, Mass., Feb. 9, 1804, and died in Milford, Feb. 5, 1881. His family had lived in Medway, Mass., and vicinity for more than a century. He married May 25, 1828, Rheny Claggett Gillis, daughter of Jotham Gillis of Manchester, and granddaughter of Dr. Henry Codman of Amherst. She died in July, 1874. Remaining childless Mr. Daniels adopted Sarah Ellen, the daughter of his brother Aberdeen, at an early age, who was married June 1, 1869, to Thomas L. Livermore of Boston, formerly of Milford. As a boy he entered the employ of Dr. Oliver Dean (afterwards founder of Dean academy), and

under him engaged in cotton manufacturing at Medway. When Dr. Dean became the agent of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, about 1827, Mr. Daniels entered its employ at Amoskeag Falls in Goffstown. He later became paymaster of the company, and remained in its employ until 1837 when he joined with Rev. Humphrey Moore, Ezra M. Gay, and James Searles in the purchase of the Milford Cotton & Woolen Manufacturing Company, and became treasurer and agent of it. The company under his management entered upon the manufacture of bedticking in the mill now occupied by the Morse-Kaley Co. The product of the mill acquired a high reputation, and the business was successful.

Mr. Daniels purchased his associates' interest in the company, and later parted with a half interest to Mr. Gay, and continued in the business until 1847, when he retired with what he was satisfied to regard as a competency, and afterwards, excepting the performance of his duties as a director of the Davis Manufacturing Company of Wilton and the Pine Valley Manufacturing Company of Milford, and as a member of the committee to build the mill of the latter, he refrained from business, and retaining his residence in Milford he passed his days in the performance of his duties as a citizen, in the enjoyment of travel and literature, and in a domestic life of great felicity with a devoted wife and daughter. He represented Milford in the legislature in 1849 and 1850 and was a delegate to the convention of 1850 to revise the constitution of the state. He was much interested in education, and took a prominent and active part in establishing the High school in Milford, and served as the sole committee in charge of building the brick schoolhouse for the same.

In 1831-'32 he held the rank of major and brigade quartermaster on the staff of General Riddle of the state militia.

Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, Mr. Daniels received only the elementary education of the district school, but with an unerring instinct for what was good in literature he early became, and through his life continued, a close student of the English classics, and his familiarity with the great poets and dramatists and the Bible made him a master of correct, terse, and vigorous English. His mind was stored with excerpts from the holy writ, and from Shakespeare, Milton, and Butler, which it was his delight to apply to situations in daily life.

In politics he was a Federalist, Whig, and Republican, and in his later days an Independent. He was a Universalist by faith, but in the absence of a church of that name in Milford, he attended the Congregational or Unitarian church. With the most exact sense of justice and of the duty of one man to another he was conspicuous for his just dealing. He regarded discriminating charity as a duty and he cheerfully bore his part of the burdens imposed on the citizen and neighbor by the misfortunes of others. He was tenacious of his own rights, and was equally respectful of the rights of others. His ideal

of the social and public duty and privileges of the citizen was a lofty one, and he was a fine example of unaffected dignity, and of an old time courtesy which was both formal and genuine.

During his long residence in Milford he had the highest esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

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### CAPT. JOSIAH CROSBY.

The first settler of the name in Milford was a native of Billerica, Mass.

His emigrant ancestor was Simon Crosby, who came over in 1635. At the age of twenty-three, with his wife, Sarah (Fitch), he took up his residence on the banks of the Souhegan.

In 1748 he was a soldier on the frontier, near Connecticut river. While there he and fifteen others, under the command of a lieutenant, were ordered to march from Fort Dummer to Fort Hinsdale. When within about a mile of their journey's end, the party fell into an ambush of about one hundred and twenty French and Indians, who arose and fired upon them. The party then separated, each man seeking his own safety. Two of the number escaped by secreting themselves, one reached Fort Hinsdale, and Crosby ran up the river toward Fort Dummer, followed by an Indian, who, coming up within a few rods, discharged his gun, the ball passing near him. Crosby then turned and fired at the Indian, who gave him no further trouble. He then pursued his way up the river, and, on coming opposite Fort Dummer, attempted to swim across, but before reaching the opposite shore his strength failed and he sunk. Some of the soldiers in the fort came to his assistance and rescued him. He and the three others above named were all of the party that escaped.

In 1753 he settled on the farm on the Wilton road which has been known for four generations as the Crosby homestead, in that part of Monson which was afterward annexed to Amherst and became a part of Milford on its incorporation. In 1774, and some subsequent years, he was one of the selectmen of Amherst, and during some of the years of the Revolution he was one of its representatives in the general court and a member of the committee of safety.

Prior to the battle of Lexington a company of minute-men was organized in Amherst, of which he was chosen captain. After the commencement of hostilities the company repaired to Cambridge, and, on the organization of the New Hampshire regiments, in May following, it became a part of the third regiment, and was placed under the command of Col. James Reed of Fitzwilliam. It participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and many of its members remained in the service until the evacuation of Boston by the British, the March following.

Captain Crosby also commanded a company sent to reinforce General Sullivan in Rhode Island, in 1778.



He was the ancestor of most of the Crosby family in New Hampshire, who have distinguished themselves, especially in medicine.

Captain Crosby, after a long and useful life, died Oct. 15, 1793. His wife, who was Sarah Fitch of Bedford, Mass., lived until Sept. 16, 1825.

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### WILLIAM CROSBY.

William Crosby, the third son and the fourth child of Josiah, was born in Monson, January 29, 1758, upon the Crosby farm. When less than twenty-five years old he received from his father, by gift or purchase, a deed of a farm, which included a large part of the compact part of what is now the village of Milford, upon the south side of Souhegan river.

His wife was Sarah Shepard, daughter of John Shepard, Jr. His residence was upon the spot upon which the town house now stands. The westerly boundary of his farm was the Jonathan Grimes estate, afterwards the property of Rev. Humphrey Moore. The eastern boundary line was considerably below the location of his dwelling house; the northern boundary was the Souhegan river; the southern boundary was a line drawn a sufficient distance from the river to include one hundred and thirteen acres.

In 1788 Mr. Crosby gave to the Southwest Parish in Amherst, afterwards the town of Milford, sufficient land for a common or public square, and also about one acre for a burying ground. This cemetery is situated on the bank of the Souhegan river on the Wilton road near the stone blacksmith shop.

Upon the death of his father he removed to the farm which had been the place of his birth and the residence of his father for forty years, disposing of the larger part of his estate in the village to Benjamin French, the founder of the French family in Milford.

At a very early age he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, performing most honorable service at the battle of Bennington under Capt. John Bradford and Gen. John Stark.

William Crosby was one of the most public spirited citizens the town of Milford has ever had. He was its first treasurer, and held the office many years. He was one of the selectmen of the town for seven years, was representative to the general court in the years 1801 and '02, and in 1820, '21, '22, '23, and '24; and in addition held many other offices. He was universally respected, and upon the occasion of his decease, which occurred May 12, 1831, he was spoken of in an obituary notice by his pastor, as "emphatically the father of the town." His wife survived him many years, dying at the advanced age of seventy-eight years, December 18, 1845.





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## CHARLES FRANCIS CONANT.

Charles Francis Conant was the only native of Milford who ever sat, even temporarily, at the table of the President's council. He was a son of Benjamin I. and Louisa H. (Gutterson) Conant, and was born in Milford, April 22, 1835, educated in the public schools and in the old Milford Academy, and was employed in his father's store, afterwards succeeding him in the business for a short time. Under the first call for volunteers in 1861 he enlisted and aided in raising a three months' company, and later in raising a company for three years, but ill health prevented him from continuing in the service.

He was appointed to a clerkship in the War Department in 1863, where he served until 1865, when he accepted a position in the Treasury Department, in which after several promotions he was appointed chief of the Division of Estimates, Warrants, and Appropriations, April 30, 1870, where he had charge of the monthly Debt Statement of the United States, and also prepared the Book of Estimates, of which Secretary Richardson said in his report of Dec. 1, 1873, that Mr. Conant's "watchful care, industry, and judgment have made it a work of great accuracy." July 1, 1874, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, being, with perhaps a single exception, the only person who ever rose to this position from a subordinate clerkship. He held this office, acting at times as Secretary and attending Cabinet meetings in that capacity, until March, 1877, when he was appointed by Secretary Sherman, Funding Agent of the department, and placed in charge of the important transactions of the government in London in the refunding of the national debt. His correspondence with the Secretary was transmitted to Congress and published in 1880 under the title, "Specie Resumption and Refunding of the National Debt."

On his return to this country Mr. Conant retired from the public service, residing in Cambridge, Mass. A number of articles upon financial subjects prepared by him were published and widely noticed. He was an active member of the Episcopal church, being a vestryman of St. James's parish, Cambridge. He was Past Master of Benevolent Lodge of Masons of Milford, a member of Meriden R. A. Chapter of Nashua, and of Columbia Commandery of Washington, an honorary member of the London Statistical Society, and a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, in the work of which he was deeply interested.

In his service in Washington he became intimate with many leading public men of that period, especially President Garfield, and his services in the Treasury Department have been publicly referred to in highly complimentary terms on various occasions by Secretaries Richardson and Sherman. He died at Cambridge, July 26, 1886, and was buried in Milford. His wife, Harriet Lincoln Shaw, born in Milford, Dec. 2, 1836, to whom he was married Jan. 19, 1860, died May 3, 1901. Three children, Clara Louise, Charles Edward, and Arthur Straiton, survive them.

## ARTHUR L. KEYES.

The subject of this sketch was born in Wilton, N. H., Dec. 2, 1862. His father was George H. Keyes, a descendant of the early settlers of that name, and a lifelong and well-known resident of Wilton. His mother was Abby A. Gutterson, daughter of Joel H. and Eliza A. Gutterson, both of whom were natives of Milford.

He received his early education in the district school, and later took a three years' course at Francestown Academy, graduating in the class of 1882. The next two years were spent in teaching, a part of one year as assistant at Francestown Academy, and the following year occupying a similar position in Arms Academy, Shelburne Falls, Mass. In the fall of 1884, he entered Tufts College as a special student, intending to fit himself for a teacher of chemistry and physics.

Early in 1887, he was employed by R. M. Wallace, Esq., the leading attorney of Milford, as clerk and manager of his fire insurance business. This position he held until 1893, when he purchased the insurance business and has continued the same since.

In 1890, he was elected a member of the school board and was re-elected in 1893, serving six years in all, and acting as treasurer during the whole time. The present high school building was erected during his term in office. He was an enthusiastic advocate of better school facilities, and to his earnest efforts in that direction the town is in part indebted for the present high standing of its schools. Believing that the public library is a valuable adjunct to our school system, he has ever lent his aid in this direction, and is one of the Trustees and Secretary of the Board of our Free Library. He was appointed Justice of the Police Court when it was established in 1894, and still holds the position, and is also a member of the Board of Water Commissioners, having charge of the town system.

Politically he has always been a Republican, and had the honor to in part represent the town in the Legislatures of 1897 and 1899. In the session of 1897 he served upon the Railroad Committee, a prominent position by reason of the bitter contests over the granting of charters for electric roads and the Milford & Manchester Branch. He was favorable to these projects, and signed the minority reports to the House. In the session of 1899 he was chairman of the Insurance Committee.

A bill introduced by him in the session of 1897, to charter the Granite Savings Bank, became a law, the institution being opened for business April 4, 1899, with Mr. Keyes as its treasurer. The bank has enjoyed the confidence of the community and has grown rapidly.

Loyal to his adopted town and its people, active in his efforts in their behalf, a close student of affairs both at home and abroad, and of undoubted integrity, he enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

He married Dec. 12, 1894, Marion H., daughter of Edward and Martha J. Robbe, of Peterborough, N. H.



## FREDERICK AND FREEMAN CROSBY.

William Crosby was succeeded upon the farm by his twin sons, Frederick and Freeman Crosby, who were born June 24, 1798, and continued in the joint occupation of the farm, upon which a second residence was erected, until the larger part of their life-work was done. In addition to the cultivation of this productive farm, they established an extensive business in supplying meats for the Milford and Nashua markets, and continued the same successfully for more than thirty years, under the name of F. & F. Crosby.

Frederick, who was known through the larger part of his life as Captain Crosby, was actively interested in military affairs, commanding at one time the local military company. Both were prominent in the affairs of the town, and both were pillars in the Congregational church, of which they were both for a long time most worthy members, Freeman serving for many years as one of its deacons. Both were active and enthusiastic leaders in the temperance and anti-slavery movements, and the word of neither, during a long and successful business career, was ever questioned. Freeman served one or more terms as selectman.

The joint business of the brothers continued during the larger part of their active lives, and it is said that during all this time so great was the confidence of these brothers in each other that the expenses of the families of both were paid out of a common treasury. Both were twice married, and both left widows.

Frederick died Jan. 3, 1872, at the age of seventy-four years. Freeman died March 23, 1884, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Previous to the decease of Frederick a division of the joint property was had, and the house which Freeman had long occupied, with several acres of land, is now the home of Mr. James W. Anderson and his wife, Rebecca C. Anderson, the second daughter of Dea. Freeman Crosby.

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MATTHIAS F. CROSBY.

The present representative of the family upon the homestead which has been in the Crosby name for nearly one hundred and fifty years is Matthias F. Crosby, the only son of Frederick surviving him. Freeman had no sons.

The present occupant of the larger part of the estate, in addition to the care of the farm, has found time to carry on a large and successful outside business. He has served the town four years as one of the selectmen and two years as a representative in the general court, and is in all respects a most worthy representative of one of the oldest and most influential families in town.

The widow of Capt. Frederick Crosby, whose maiden name was Rebecca Lund, survived him many years, and with her son, Matthias

F. Crosby, and her daughter, Carrie R. Crosby, dispensed a generous hospitality at the homestead, not only to the other members of her own family, but to a wide circle of relatives and friends.

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### CLARISSA TOWNE.

#### MILFORD'S CENTENARIAN.

Mrs. Clarissa Towne was born in Concord, Feb. 12, 1790, the daughter of John and Sally Hoit. At the age of nineteen years she married Jonathan Towne, a grandson of Jonathan Towne who settled upon the Towne farm on the Nashua road as early as 1759. She lived with her husband more than sixty years, twenty of which were spent in Bow, where all of her children were born except the youngest.

In 1830, Jonathan Towne, with his family, returned to his ancestral home, taking possession of the homestead on Nashua street, which had been the place of his birth. Here they reared a family of self-reliant children, creditable to the parents and to the town, among them the late William B. Towne, interested and accomplished in matters of historic research, and a successful business man; John P. Towne, a prominent lawyer in the West, and Ezra Carter Towne, our honored townsman.

Here the remainder of the married life, and here the widowhood of the centenarian were passed. Here they celebrated the fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries of their marriage.

Her centennial birthday was an occasion of great interest to our people generally. The church bells were rung at noon, steam whistles blown, and everything done to indicate that an unusual event had happened. The stars and stripes were thrown to the breeze from the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Towne had been a member for many years. Flags were displayed from many private residences. At two o'clock many relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. E. C. Towne, the youngest son of the aged woman, to celebrate her one hundredth birthday. Mr. Towne's residence is but a few rods from the house into which his father moved so many years before.

Before the house was thrown open to the public, dinner was served to the family, at which fourteen of the descendants of Grandma Towne partook of a bountiful repast. Among those who were present during the afternoon, besides her relatives, were John W. Hutchinson of Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow Patten, and Lucius B. Hutchinson of New York. Many of her townspeople availed themselves of this opportunity to congratulate their friend upon reaching her one hundredth milestone.

The Dearborn brothers—Benton, Jesse, Hale, and Eddie—chanted the Lord's prayer, to the great gratification of Grandma. Many gifts were offered by loving friends. Rev. I. S. Lincoln of Wilton, an aged

clergyman who had attained the age of ninety-one years, offered a most tender and appropriate prayer.

In the evening a large number of the relatives spent an hour or more at the old homestead.

Although it was estimated that at least two hundred visitors were present during the day, the venerable woman was found by callers the next morning in excellent spirits and able to receive all who came.

Mrs. Towne's life until its close, Nov. 2, 1890, was one of very great usefulness, and at her decease she was universally mourned by the entire community. Five children survived her: Ezra Carter Towne, Mrs. Nancy Dunclee and Mrs. Clarissa Adams of Milford, Mrs. Caroline Nye of Keene, and John Parker Towne of Edgerton, Wis.; eighteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

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### RODNEY METCALF STIMSON.

Rodney Metcalf Stimson, born in Milford, just south of the great bridge, Oct. 26, 1822,—son of Maj. Phineas Stimson and Rhoda Metcalf, both from Ashburnham, Mass., September, 1816.—Both grandfathers were soldiers in the army of the Revolution;—and one, Phineas Stimson, sen., from Weston, Mass., was in the battle of Bunker Hill, when only fourteen years old. The Stimson ancestor in this country came from England, about 1640, and was a “freeman,” Cambridge, Mass., 1645.

R. M. Stimson—himself the writer of this sketch—had his earliest days in school, 1828–1832, under Daniel Russell, probably the best known “school-master” who ever lived in Milford, and to no other man did he ever owe so much, for whatever he has been, and is, as to Daniel Russell.

Prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, 1842–'45,—Left Milford for Ohio, Sept. 5, 1845, and graduated from Marietta College, with the second “honor” of his class—1847.—Teacher in the cotton country of the state of Mississippi, 1848–'49.—Admitted to the bar in Mississippi, and subsequently in Ohio—but before active practice in law, went into the newspaper business.—Established the *Ironton Register*, at Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1850;—was the owner and editor of that paper twelve years, selling it in the summer of 1862.—Bought two newspapers in Marietta, and issued the *Marietta Register*, June 30, 1862.—The regret of his life has been that after ten years of unremitting labor, nigh gone into consumption—in 1872, he felt compelled to sell this *Register*, and retire from active business.

His first vote was in Milford, March, 1844, for Gen. Daniel Hoit, of Sandwich, the “Liberty” candidate for governor of New Hampshire,—but the Democratic party carried full sway in the “old Granite state,” in those days, and Gen. Hoit had a small minority of the entire vote of the state.—Afterwards,—although anti-slavery,—uncompromising,

from the age of fourteen—he voted the Whig ticket till 1854, and from then, in all these forty-five years, never has scratched a name from the regular Republican ticket.—Was the whig candidate for the Ohio senate, Counties of Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs, and Vinton,—1853,—but beaten by the liquor men on the issue of the “Maine law.”—Delegate in the National Republican Convention which nominated Fremont for president at Philadelphia—1856; also Delegate from the 15th District, Ohio, in the convention which nominated Garfield for president at Chicago, 1880.—In the Ohio State Senate, 1870-’74,—and in the second term was made—without his own knowledge—chairman of the Finance Committee, but from delicate health, felt the necessity to decline the position.—Many times in the Ohio State Republican convention,—was more than once on the Committee on Resolutions, and —1873—his “platform” was adopted without dissent, and without the change of a single word.—Was Treasurer of the Republican State Committee, 1877-’78, and handled the campaign funds—not a single dollar spent in anyway in which a political enemy could find any fault.—Retired from politics after 1880,—but was placed on the Republican electoral ticket—1884, and except to vote at every election, his last political service was for Blaine, in the Ohio electoral college.—Was librarian of the Ohio State Library, 1877-’79, Librarian of Marietta college, 1881-’91, Treasurer of Marietta college since 1881,—re-elected in 1899.—Has a private library in his house,—about 1500 choice books—besides this family library, has given to Marietta college over 18,500 volumes—known as the “R. M. Stimson Collection”—many scarce, rare and valuable books, in fine condition, already in the college library—*Americana* the specialty, particularly strong and valuable in the history of the great Mississippi valley.

Married Miss Juliaette B. Hurd, at Ironton, 1851, who died 1861, leaving only one child, a son, named *Milford*, died at Cincinnati, 1890, aged 38 years.

Married the second time Miss Julia I. Sheppard, Marietta, Oct. 28, 1862—with one daughter only (married), and one granddaughter.

Never has seen anywhere—with much travel—so charming a locality as Milford,—topography of the village the perfection of Nature.

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#### WILLIAM PEABODY,

The first of the name, settled in town as early as 1740, upon what was known for more than one hundred years as the Peabody farm, upon the north side of the river. This farm was one of the lots in Narragansett No. 3 (afterwards Amherst), and was awarded to his father, Stephen Peabody, on account of the service of his grandfather in King Philip’s War.

Peabody came from Boxford, Mass., where he was born June 29, 1715, and where he was assessed from the year he was twenty-one



until and including the year 1739, but not afterwards. He died May 31, 1791.

Peabody's great-grandfather was Lieut. Francis Peabody, born 1614; came to New England in the ship *Planter* in 1635, and was one of the first settlers in Hampton, going there with Rev. Stephen Bachilor in 1637; but prior to 1657, he removed to Topsfield, Mass., where he was a large landholder, and was prominent for his enterprise and wealth.

Lieut. Francis Peabody was the emigrant ancestor of most of the New England families of his name. William Peabody brought with him to the farm his wife, Rebecca (Smith) Peabody, to whom he was married about the time he came here. To them were born seven children. Rebecca became the wife of Nathan Hutchinson, the second of that name in town. Susanna became the wife of Benjamin Hutchinson. He was one of the most prominent of the citizens of Amherst before the incorporation of the town of Milford. His son Stephen distinguished himself in the War of the Revolution. He was adjutant of Reed's regiment at the battle of Bunker Hill, and aide to General Stark at Bennington, and lieutenant-colonel, commanding a battalion sent to Rhode Island in 1778. He died before the close of the war.

Although there is no descendant of William Peabody bearing his name now living in town, by the marriage of two of his daughters to the sons of Nathan Hutchinson, he has a numerous posterity in this vicinity.

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#### WILLIAM PEABODY, JR.

William Peabody, Jr., the second of the name upon the Peabody farm, was there born in February, 1746, and there made his home until his death, which occurred August 24, 1822. Before the incorporation of the town he was a prominent citizen, and for two years represented Amherst in the legislature. For the thirty years preceding his decease he was perhaps as prominent in public affairs as any citizen of the newly-incorporated town. In 1795 he represented the town in the legislature, which was then classed with Brookline. In 1800 he again represented the town. His wife was Abigail Wilkins, the daughter of Rev. Daniel Wilkins, the first minister of the town of Amherst. They had eight children: Hannah, born March 11, 1779, became the wife of Rev. Humphrey Moore; Stephen, born October 4, 1782, graduated at Harvard College, became a lawyer and for many years owned and occupied the Peabody farm; Anna, born March 30, 1784, married Rev. Elijah Dunbar of Peterborough.



## STEPHEN PEABODY,

Of the third generation to own and occupy the ancestral farm, was there born October 4, 1782; graduated from Harvard College, 1803; was admitted to the bar; practised his profession for a time at Exeter; was afterwards a resident of Portsmouth, where for a short time he was engaged in business with his cousin, a member of the Wilkins family, as partner. His health becoming impaired, he visited Europe, and on his return to America took up his residence on the old homestead in Milford, and busied himself in actively superintending the industries of the farm, giving particular attention to the raising of hops. In 1837 he was the champion hop raiser of the county, his crop being 11,560 pounds. Here he was married in 1824 to his accomplished wife, Jerusha Pride Bolles, and here all his children were born. He represented the town in the state legislature in the year 1825 and again in 1827.

While a citizen of Milford he was three times elected a member of the governor's council. He continued to live upon the farm until about the year 1836, when he was invited to take the superintendence of an important lumber company owning an extensive system of saw-mills at Lower Stillwater in Maine, to which place he removed with his family. Remaining there not more than a brief year or two, he returned to Milford and took up his residence in the village. Very soon (1839) he received a commission from the governor, appointing him register of probate for Hillsborough county, and removed to the county seat at Amherst, where he continued to reside until his death in 1847.

From early manhood he was actively interested in military affairs, and rose to the rank of colonel. He commanded the militia at the reception given to General Jackson on his visit to Concord while president.

Colonel Peabody possessed large natural and acquired ability, and without ostentation impressed all with whom he came in contact that he was a well-bred gentleman. Four children reached maturity, and all have honored a name respected wherever it is known.

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FRANCIS BOLLES PEABODY.

Francis Bolles Peabody, oldest son of Stephen Peabody and Jerusha Pride Bolles, his wife, was born at the old Peabody farm October 27, 1827. He was prepared for college at the high schools in Hartford, Conn., and Worcester, Mass., and entered Trinity College, Hartford, in 1844, graduating in 1848, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in 1851.

His standing in his class was marked by his election to the Phi Beta Kappa society. He read law in the office of Pierce & Minot (Franklin Pierce and Josiah Minot), at Concord, N. H., in 1849 and 1850, and in the office of Samuel H. Ayer at Hillsborough, in 1851, and was



Francis B. Peabody



admitted to the bar at Amherst in the latter year. While he was in the office of Pierce & Minot, he was called to be the principal of the Gymnasium at Pembroke, then an academy of considerable note, where he continued in charge for half a year.

After he was admitted to the Bar, he practised law at Hillsborough until the fall of 1852, when he removed to Concord and formed a partnership with Nathaniel B. Baker, under the firm name of Baker & Peabody. Mr. Baker having been elected governor in 1854, Mr. Peabody associated with himself in the practice of the law William E. Chandler, under the firm name of Peabody & Chandler, Mr. Chandler being afterwards Secretary of the Navy and a senator of the United States. During the years 1854 and 1855, Mr. Peabody was chairman of the Democratic State Central committee. His partnership with Mr. Chandler continued until March, 1857, when he removed to Chicago.

Mr. Peabody was married in 1854, to Harriet Cutter Ten Broeck, daughter of the Rev. Petrus Stuyvesant Ten Broeck, at one time rector of St. Paul's church, Concord, and granddaughter of the Hon. Levi Cutter, for many years mayor of the city of Portland, Me., and a sister of Mrs. Nathaniel B. Baker.

Mr. Peabody continued the practice of law in Chicago in partnership, at various times, with ex-Chief Justice Scates, Judge McAllister, and Judge Arrington, until 1869 or 1870, when he engaged in the business of a mortgage banker, in which business he continues until the present time, under the firm name of Peabody, Houghteling & Co., his son-in-law, Mr. Houghteling, being his business partner.

Mr. Peabody has never held public office, but has always taken an active interest in public affairs; his influence has always been potential on the right side of every question affecting the interest of his adopted city; a good lawyer, a banker in whom all his patrons could place confidence; and a man whose citizenship has been of the highest character. During his residence in Chicago, he has been president and for many years a member of the executive committee of the Citizens' association, an organization formed to aid the civil authorities in enforcing the laws and ordinances, and to suggest and support measures for the improvement and better government of the city.

He has been president of the Revenue Reform club, organized for the purpose of procuring legislation in the interest of fair and uniform taxation. He has been president of the Tariff Reform league, and of the Civil Service Reform league, and assisted in procuring the legislation under which all the subordinate public offices in the city of Chicago are now filled after competitive examinations and for merit alone, without reference to the political associations of the appointees.

He is president of the trustees of the diocesan fund of the diocese of Chicago. He is a director and treasurer of the Half Orphan Asylum, and was one of the organizers and directors of the training-school for truant boys.

His political affiliations have been with the Democratic party, but

in local and municipal elections he has acted independently of party nominations. His religious connection is with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Peabody has two sons, one of whom is married, and two daughters, both married. His sons and sons-in-law are all graduates of Yale College.

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#### AUGUSTUS STEPHEN PEABODY.

Augustus Stephen Peabody, the second son of Stephen Peabody, was born November 7, 1829, was educated at the academy in Worcester, Mass., and at the age of fifteen accepted a clerkship in the office of his uncle, Matthew Bolles, a well-known banker and broker in Boston, where he remained for a series of years, and became a thorough master in his business.

He was married September 20, 1855, to Harriet F. Sanderson of Boston, who died in 1883. They had two children: Stephen, born March 22, 1858, and Richard Augustus, born October 12, 1860. In 1856, Mr. Peabody accepted the managership at Chicago of the famous commercial agency of B. Douglas & Co. (afterwards and still known as R. G. Dun & Co.), and from 1858 to 1861 held the managership of that firm's office in Philadelphia. He then removed to New York and reëngaged in his old business of banker and broker. He was for a long period a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and was for many years one of the governors of that body. His sons are bankers in New York.

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#### CLARA E. (PEABODY) BANCROFT.

Clara Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Stephen and Jerusha P. Peabody, was born October 16, 1825, and was married in 1844 to Edward P. Bancroft, at her father's house in Amherst, N. H., by her uncle, the Rev. Elijah Dunbar. Mr. Bancroft was a banker and broker, residing in Boston. They had two children,—a daughter Edith, who died in infancy, and a daughter Clara Elizabeth, who married the Count Benoit Tyszkiewicz, a Polish nobleman, in December, 1874, lived in Paris, and died in Switzerland in July, 1883, leaving three children. Mr. Bancroft died in Naples in May, 1865, while making a tour of Europe with his wife. Mrs. Bancroft died in Paris in September, 1882, and was buried in Père la Chaise. She was a woman of remarkable mental gifts, and her life was full of deeds of love and charity.

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#### JESSIE (PEABODY) FROTHINGHAM.

Jessie, second daughter of Stephen Peabody, was born May 1, 1834, and was married in 1855, to Arthur L. Frothingham of Boston, a mer-







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chant, who afterwards became engaged in the banking business in Boston with his brother-in-law, Mr. Bancroft.

The death of Mr. Bancroft having dissolved their business relation, Mr. and Mrs. Frothingham, in the autumn of 1865, went to Europe with their family, and took up their residence in Rome, where they continued to live for eighteen years, occupying themselves in the study of art and archæology and in the education of their children. They returned to America in 1883, and, after residing for a few years in Baltimore, have taken up their permanent residence in Princeton, N. J.

Their children are Arthur, born in 1859, and Jessie, born in 1861. Mr. Frothingham is an author of note, and has been a lecturer on art and archæology in Johns Hopkins university and in Princeton college. His son Arthur has been assistant professor of the semetic languages in Johns Hopkins university and professor of art and archæology in Princeton college. He is the accomplished editor of the *American Journal of Archæology*, and is the promoter and head of the American School of Art in Rome.

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#### CLINTON S. AVERILL.

Among the families that for nearly a century and a half have been connected with the improvement and progress of the town, and which deserve especial mention in this history, is that of Averill. This family is undoubtedly of early French or Norman extraction, domiciled, however, in England since the time of William the Conqueror. The branch located in the county of Worcester, England, and from which, probably, the American Averills derive, was entitled to bear arms described in heraldry as follows: "Gu. a cross fleury, ermine charged in chief, with a buck's head of the field; crest, a buck's head, caboshed as in the arms."

The first American Averill was William, whose descendants are numerous in various parts of this country. There are many of the name in Topsfield, Mass., from which place Ebenezer Averill came in 1752 to Milford, then the South Parish of Amherst, as one of the pioneers of the town, and purchased a farm adjoining the Mont Vernon line. He was an active man, well qualified to succeed in the troublesome and difficult life of the early settlers. His children were Ruth, Ebenezer, David, Elijah and Moses. Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer, born 1752, succeeded to the home farm, where he became a well-to-do farmer. He erected a frame house, yet standing, about 1790, and this was so unusual an event as to call people from near and far to witness the strange appearance. He married Anna Johnson, born 1755, and had children, James (1778), Elijah (1781), Eben (1783), Luther (1786), Calvin, Aladan, Nancy, and Alma. He died July 14, 1837, aged eighty-five. Mrs. Averill died September 15, 1839, aged eighty-four. They were a quiet, undemonstrative people of marked industry, who early impressed upon their children the value and necessity of labor; these

did credit to their instructions, and all inherited a goodly share of ancestral strength and physical vigor.

James purchased a farm in Mont Vernon which adjoined the paternal estate, where he lived until his death, in 1868, at the advanced age of ninety. Luther settled on the farm immediately south of his father's, always resided there and attained nearly fourscore years. Elijah in early life was a farmer, afterward removed to the village and was for years engaged in lumbering with his brother Calvin. Eben remained on the home farm, succeeding to its ownership, and died when about eighty-six. Aladan, after a short experience as farmer on a part of the home farm, came to the village, where he conducted a saw- and grist-mill for many years, dying at an advanced age.

Nancy married John Leavitt, a farmer of Amherst, had several children and died aged nearly seventy. Alma married, first, Daniel Johnson, had one child, Isaac U.; second, Benjamin Barker, of Milford, who was a miller. She also attained an advanced age.

Calvin Averill was born September 18, 1788. His education was acquired at the common schools of that period, and in the practical one of farm-life, where knowledge of the axe, the plough, and the scythe was of far more value than the conjugation of Greek verbs, and well was he grounded in their principles. At his father's request, he remained on the home farm until he had several years passed his majority, and married, in 1814, Eunice, daughter of Oliver and Eunice (Brown) Spaulding. The hard labor of the farm was not sufficiently remunerative for his ambition, and, with a desire of bettering his condition, he removed to the village and engaged in lumbering and running a sawmill. This part of the state was then covered with dense pine forests, and the rapid growth of Lowell and other cities gave a quick market and good price for the lumber.

Mr. Averill was prosperous, and continued this business alone, and with others, during his active life. He was a man of positive character, clear and decided in his opinions and strong in his advocacy of them. He aided freely all matters of public improvement, was a pronounced Jeffersonian Democrat in a community intensely Whig in sentiment, but was often selected for important trusts and the management of affairs of consequence. He held the various town offices, was selectman many terms and at one time county commissioner. He owned, in company with his brother Elijah, a large farm in the rich valley of the river, immediately below the village. In 1836 they built the house formerly occupied by the subject of this sketch, and which is now the residence of Hon. John McLane.

Here the brothers passed their last years, Calvin dying, April 27, 1874. He was a great loss to the business interests of the town and to the Baptist church, of which he was a valued and active member. In this large family one especial trait is noticeable, love of home and their native town; they all passed their lives and died within a radius of ten miles from the old homestead.

Clinton Spaulding Averill, the only child of Calvin and Eunice (Spalding) Averill, was born in Milford, September 22, 1827. His primary education was received at the district school; he then attended Hancock and Pembroke academies, fitting himself for the military school, Norwich University, Norwich, Vermont, where he was graduated in 1849, with the degree of B. S., and from which he afterward received the honorary degree of M. A. After graduation he became a tutor in the same institution; then was appointed professor of natural science, which position he resigned in 1853, as his health would not permit him to continue his work. In December, 1853, he went to Marietta, Ohio, as principal of the Western Liberal Institute, but ill health obliged him again to relinquish teaching, and he returned to New Hampshire. This was a severe trial to a young man who had the essential qualities of a good teacher, knowledge, and power, that is, he was master of his work, and had the power, without which all knowledge is vain, to stimulate.

On returning to New Hampshire, Mr. Averill studied law with Colonel O. W. Lull, of Milford, and was admitted to the bar in 1858.

In 1861 the breaking out of the great Civil War created a large demand for experienced military instruction, and his *Alma Mater* again demanded his services as teacher. He was there for a few months only, the confinement proving injurious to his health. In 1862 he opened a law office in Milford, but owing to his precarious health, two years passed before he was able to attend to business. His interest in education was always warm, and he was superintendent of schools for many years in Milford. He held the position of trustee of the State Normal school for several years. In 1873 he was elected superintendent of schools of the city of Nashua, accepted the position, and held it for two years. The same love of home and home surroundings which has been so marked in all his family drew him again to Milford, and, in connection with this, was an urgent request from the officers of the Milford Five Cent Savings Bank, of which he had been trustee since its incorporation, to return and devote his time and financial ability to its affairs. He consented to do this, returned to Milford, and in August, 1875, was elected its treasurer. He was connected with the Souhegan National bank for many years as director, vice-president, and president, being elected to the latter position in January, 1882.

Mr. Averill married, March 10, 1852, Catherine Frances, daughter of Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, of Milford. They had but one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Averill's death occurred April 4, 1878. During all his active life Mr. Averill was prominently connected with the business, social, and educational affairs of his native town, and a large contributor to its development and progress.

In politics Mr. Averill was a Democrat, but held himself free to vote for good men outside his party.

His personal character was above all praise, and his private life was a continuous example for good to all the young men of the town.



Modest and unassuming in his manners, he entertained warm friendship for his numerous friends. In public life he was the courteous gentleman to all; the faithful and devoted guardian of all trusts.

His death occurred in December, 1891.

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#### JOSEPH TUCKER.

The first ancestor of the Tucker family of whom we have record was George Tucker 2d, of Milton, Graves-end, England, whose son Robert Tucker, born in Milton, Graves-end, 1604, emigrated to this country in 1635. He settled in Wassagusset, afterwards Weymouth, Mass. In 1662 he removed to Brush Hill, Milton, where he occupied an important and useful position, and where his descendants were among the most active and influential citizens.

Joseph Tucker, the sixth generation from Robert, and son of Joseph and Sarah (Hill) Tucker, was born in Dorchester, Mass., January 31, 1790. He received his education in the common schools of the town of Milton, where he resided and followed the occupation of farming. He married Lydia Crehore of Milton. In 1813 he removed to Milford, where he made his home on the farm, afterwards purchased by Captain William Ramsdell. Early in January, 1815, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he resided until April, 1816, when he returned to Milford and purchased the farm on the Wilton road (lately owned by Moses Proctor), of Peter Hopkins. On this farm he resided for over forty years, managing it successfully and profitably. He was at one time one of the largest hop growers in New England, was deputy inspector of hops for several years, also a large dealer, buying and selling.

He was a man of strong will, sound judgment, and of undoubted integrity, and worthy of the confidence reposed in him by all who knew him.

Joseph Tucker died in Milford, April 17, 1871, in the 82d year of his age. His wife died Sept. 27, 1891, aged nearly 97 years. In his wife Mr. Tucker had a strong helpmeet. A large family of children were born to them, three of whom are now (Sept. 1899), living. William Tucker, a resident of the town; Mrs. Ann R. Campbell, the widow of Hon. Charles H. Campbell and John C. Tucker of Chicago, a successful railroad man.

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#### JAMES CREHORE TUCKER.

James Crehore Tucker, son of Joseph and Lydia Crehore Tucker, was born in Milford, Oct. 26, 1831. He received his education in the common schools of the town, and worked on the farm until 1849, when he went to North Chelmsford, Mass., and there worked in the machine shop of Messrs. Gay & Silver. In April, 1850, he went to Boston and learned the carpenter's and stair builder's trade. In 1853 he accepted





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a position on the Great Western Railroad (now the Wabash system), and resided in Springfield, Ill., until the autumn of 1854, when he returned to Boston and resumed his former business, which he followed until April, 1864; he was then elected to the responsible office of superintendent of public buildings of the city and this position he held until the time of his decease, receiving thirty consecutive appointments. He was a prominent member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders, being a past master of Aberdour Lodge and past commander of Joseph Warren Commandery of Knights Templar, a past officer of the lodge and encampment of Odd Fellows, past grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts, and represented the state as grand representative in 1865 and 1866. He was one of the original board of directors of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston.

He was also a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics' Association and one of its trustees for several years.

He was married in 1858 to Maria Adelaide Sampson, and at the time of his decease (Dec. 26, 1893), resided in Dorchester, Mass.

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#### DAVID GOODWIN.

David Goodwin was born in Milford, July 25, 1801, upon Federal Hill, in the south part of the town. He was the son of David and Huldah (Morse) Goodwin, and was one of a family of four—two sons and two daughters. He derived his early education from the district school, and later attended a private school under Elder Samuel Everett, then pastor of the Baptist church in Milford.

His father being a shoemaker, he learned the trade, and for years after attaining his majority followed it more or less. With the savings thus earned, he acquired a few acres of land and continued to add to it, until later on, having secured enough to occupy his entire time, he gave up the shoe business.

His parents were of the true Puritanic stock, instilling into his youthful mind the principles of industry and frugality. In 1830 he set about the building of a dwelling where he afterwards lived until he died in 1881.

It was a common custom in those days to procure a liberal quantity of the ardent when contemplating the erection of a house frame; but he, actuated by his love for temperance, conceived the idea of having a "raising" without the use of rum. His neighbors predicted for him a failure. But it did not so turn out. The neighbors came in large numbers, and the frame went up. It was the first house raised in Milford without the use of spirituous liquors; others followed his noble example.

He was twice married,—first to Lydia Bartlett, by whom four children were born—two of whom are living; second, to L. Augusta Mason of Wilton. Two children were born to them, who died in youth.

The subject of this sketch early displayed a strong liking for chronicling passing events. He gathered up the facts in the town's early history, and year by year added to his accumulation.

The town honored him by selecting him to write her "War History," which is in the archives of the town. This history and other memoranda which he left have been of great value to the present historian in the preparation of this volume.

Being of a retiring nature he never sought political office. For half a century he was a consistent member of the Baptist church and society, sharing many places of trust. His fidelity of purpose and unswerving integrity were never brought in question. He was cautious, prudent, conscientious, and prized his home, fireside, and friends.

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#### RICHARD WILLIAMS, M. D.

Dr. Richard Williams was born January 12, 1803, in Groton, Mass., and died in Milford, October 6, 1842. His father, Jacob Williams, was also a physician, and the son of Jason and Jemima Nutting Williams. Until the age of eighteen he worked upon the farm with his father (who cultivated the soil in connection with the practice of his profession). He then entered Groton academy for a course of study; completed two full years at Amherst College, after which he entered Dartmouth Medical College and graduated in 1803, when he received his degree of M. D. Coming to Milford in January, 1831, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession. April 25, 1832, he married Susanna Shattuck of Groton. There were born to them three sons.

In his practice, which was extensive, as a citizen, as a member of the Congregational church, which he joined in 1839, as a member of the choir, where he sang, he was respected and loved by the people of the town, and the title "Beloved Physician" was well earned and deserved. After eleven years and six months' residence here he contracted typhoid fever from one of his patients, and died aged thirty-nine years, eight months, and twenty-four days.

He was genial, thoughtful, and kind, lived a pure life, and died lamented by all his acquaintances.

After the death of Dr. Williams his widow married Hon. Leonard Chase.

The following is an extract from a local paper:

"Never has it been our lot to record or witness an event which caused so much sorrow and mourning as did the striking and sudden demise of this esteemed friend. He was a man of a robust constitution, and but a few days since, hale, the very personification of health, with as fair prospect of long life as any one. In the meridian of life, in the midst of great usefulness, he has been snatched away, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn an irreparable loss.

"In November, 1830, he came to Milford and established himself in

business, where he had an extensive, increasing, and successful practice. He was a member of the Medical society of the Southern district of New Hampshire, of which he was secretary for many years, and at his decease was the president. He became a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society in 1834. He was a Christian and philanthropist. He was not so much of a talking as an acting Christian. He early and heartily engaged in the Anti-slavery cause, and was ever an ardent advocate of immediate emancipation. Many will bear testimony to his hospitality, beneficence, and zeal in this cause. His house was ever the home of its advocates, and he was ever liberal in his contributions. The cause and the slave has met, in his death, with no ordinary loss. He engaged heartily in every benevolent cause that was calculated to elevate and ennoble humanity. Caution and firmness were prominent traits in his character. No man in Milford had a greater share in public confidence, or exerted a greater influence and so universally on the side of truth and justice.

"To know him was to love him. As a citizen, unobtrusive and highly esteemed; as a physician, loved. The poor man's friend and helper; as readily and cheerfully visiting those from whom he never expected remuneration, although worn down with fatigue, as those who had a competency. He did not rust out, but wore himself out to benefit others. As a philanthropist, embracing the whole human family, without regard to sex, sect, color, or clime. As a husband and father, exceedingly kind and affectionate, and whose death has sundered the tenderest ties that bind to earth. In a word, an honest man."

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#### CAPT. WILLIAM RAMSDELL, SR.

Capt. William Ramsdell, the first of the name to settle in Milford, was born in Lynn, Mass., April 10, 1766, and was the son of Abijah Ramsdell, which was also the name of the emigrant ancestor who was born in England in 1695, and settled in Lynn at an early age. He made his first voyage when a mere boy, and continued to follow the sea until he was about fifty years old, taking up his residence meanwhile in Salem, Mass., where he was married August 22, 1802, to Mary Southward, the daughter of Capt. George Southward of Salem, Mass., a native of England and the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Southward family. Captain Southward's wife was Emma Phelps, a daughter of Jonathan Phelps. Capt. Daniel Hawthorne, an intimate friend of Captain Southward and the grandfather of Nathaniel Hawthorne, married another daughter of Jonathan Phelps, and between the two families there was an intimate acquaintance for many years.

Captain Ramsdell for a long time commanded vessels sailing out of Salem harbor. In 1815, desiring a change he purchased the farm in Milford, upon which he resided until his decease, January 12, 1842. Captain Ramsdell left many friends in Salem, and during the remain-

der of his life his family, especially in the warm season, was seldom without visitors from that old and interesting city. He brought with him from Salem his wife, her father and mother, and their four children, William, Mary, Charles, and John; and Love, the daughter of his first wife, who died soon after the birth of the child.

Captain Ramsdell was a Whig in politics, but cared little for public position; in fact, he was too old at the time he became a citizen of New Hampshire, if he had had an inclination, to become a candidate for political favor, but he succeeded in gaining the respect, confidence, and affection of the people of the town to an extent attained by few life residents, and by none who took up the work when past middle life. The epitaph upon his tombstone tells the exact truth: "Beloved as a husband, father, and friend." Although he had visited almost every country and been exposed to almost every contagious disease, he died at the age of seventy-six from an attack of measles contracted from one of his grandchildren.

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#### WILLIAM RAMSDELL, JR.

William Ramsdell, Jr., was born in Salem, May 28, 1803, and came to Milford with his father's family at the age of twelve years. He received a good English education in the common schools at Salem, and in the academies at Groton and Andover, Mass., giving especial attention to mathematics and navigation. He possessed an unusually well-developed physical frame, and at an age when most boys find themselves ready to commence serious study he had prepared himself to take the responsible position of supercargo upon an East India merchantman, commanded by an old-time friend of his father. The duties of a competent supercargo who had the confidence of his captain included in most instances the buying of the cargo. His thorough knowledge of navigation made his services of great value to the captains with whom he sailed. Although he never served before the mast, he held the positions respectively of second and first mate, and upon his last voyage, by reason of the death of his captain, he came home in command of the ship. He was commonly called Captain Ramsdell from the fact that during the larger part of one voyage he was in command of the vessel. November 26, 1826, he married Maria Antoinette Moore, the eldest daughter of Rev. Humphrey Moore. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding, Nov. 26, 1876. After his marriage he made one voyage of three years. He returned from this voyage with no purpose of discontinuing his seafaring life; he yielded, however, to the importunities of friends and declined the pressing request of the owners of the ship he had brought home to take the command for another voyage. The vessel went out in charge of another officer, but was lost in the Indian ocean with the entire complement of officers and crew.





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While in the East Indian service he had many experiences with the natives of the Spice islands, with whom his vessel traded. The people of these islands were half civilized and treacherous, and the crews of ships carrying on trade with them were always provided with arms. Captain Ramsdell was naturally a leader and had something like a military organization on every ship in which he sailed. His height was six feet and two inches. His weight at his best was two hundred and forty pounds without an ounce of superfluous material in his makeup. In an encounter with the Malays he was at one time stabbed with a dirk, which went entirely through the palm of his hand, leaving a scar which remained through life, but which did not otherwise disfigure him. Although his voyages were made largely to the islands in the Indian ocean, he visited many other ports, to which were taken cargoes of spices. These cargoes were exchanged for goods needed by the inhabitants of the islands, and again exchanged for pepper and other commodities previous to the home voyage.

Settling upon the farm about 1830, he was a farmer for the remainder of his life, but he found time to hold many local offices, to settle many estates, and to act as managing director at the time the Wilton railroad (of which he was a director from the beginning) was built. For thirty years following the opening of the Wilton railroad he was employed much of the time as an appraiser of land and fire damages by the managers of the Boston & Lowell and leased lines of railroads. He served for several years as one of the trustees of the local savings bank, and also as one of the trustees of the public library.

Soon after his marriage, he became with his wife a member of the Congregational church, and the relation continued until the time of his decease, Oct. 27, 1889. His wife preceded him by something more than ten years. To them were born four children who lived to reach mature years: William H., Hannah P., George A., and Charles A.

A great reader, he early commenced to accumulate a library of choice books. At the time of his decease his collection was as large and valuable as that of any citizen of the town.

He was a Whig in politics up to the time of the formation of the Republican party; after that a consistent member of the latter party. He was moderator at eight annual meetings and upon many special occasions, and twelve times a member of the board of selectmen. He served upon most of the important committees for the execution of the business of the town until he was advanced in life. In 1842 and 1847, he was a representative to the general court. He was a good public speaker and easily commanded the attention of town and corporation meetings and of the House of Representatives. Perhaps the most valuable service he rendered the town was in connection with filling its quota during the Civil War. This work called for time, energy, and such a knowledge of men as would enable the town's agent to successfully contend with the agents of other towns, substitute brokers, and numberless men who at this time preyed upon the state.

## GOV. GEORGE A. RAMSDELL.

George Allen Ramsdell, governor of New Hampshire (1897 and 1898), was born in Milford, March 11, 1834. His earliest ancestors in America upon both sides were English emigrants and among the first settlers of Massachusetts. In 1815 his grandfather, Captain William Ramsdell, then of Salem, Mass., purchased the farm in Milford which descended to the second Capt. William Ramsdell and was the home of the family for more than seventy-five years. His mother was the eldest daughter of Rev. Humphrey Moore, D. D., who was pastor of the Congregational church in Milford for a third of a century.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools in his native town, took a preparatory course at McCollom Institute, Mont Vernon, and completed one year's study in college. He subsequently received the degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College. Upon the completion of his legal studies, he opened an office in Peterborough, where he remained in the active practice of his profession six years, and until he was appointed clerk of the supreme court for the county of Hillsborough. He held this position for twenty-three years.

During his long service as clerk, he acted as auditor, master in chancery, and referee in a large number of causes. His service as a trier of causes has never been exceeded by any member of the Bar excepting the judges of the courts of the state.

During the thirty-three years of his residence in the city of his adoption he has filled many positions of influence. For ten years he was a member of the board of education, and for twice that time he has been trustee of the public library. In 1869, 1870, and 1871, he was a member of the legislature; in 1876, a member of the Constitutional Convention; and in 1891 and 1892 a member of the executive council. For five years he was president of the board of trustees of the State Industrial School, and for ten years has been a trustee of the New Hampshire Orphans' Home.

Among the positions of private trust which he holds may be enumerated president of the First National bank and treasurer of the City Guaranty Savings bank in Nashua, director in the Nashua Manufacturing Company and the Jackson Company, the leading industries of his city. He is also a director in the Wilton and Peterborough railroads; but, as these roads are under a long lease, no demand is made upon his time by reason of his connection with them.

Governor Ramsdell has not only been an advocate of temperance but of total abstinence, has never tasted intoxicants of any kind as a beverage, or used tobacco in any form; is a member of the First Congregational church in Nashua, and for many years been prominent in the denomination in the state; was one of the promoters of the erection, in 1893, of the stone church of his parish, which is not excelled by any structure of the kind in the state. He is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Mr. Ramsdell is one of the most unpretentious citizens of his city. He has a pleasant home in Nashua where, with his wife and two children—two having established homes of their own—he is enjoying the latter part of a life which from early manhood has been one of ceaseless care and labor. Mr. Ramsdell's political life commenced with the organization of the Republican party, and during the forty years and more of its existence he has been a consistent member. He was elected governor, November 3, 1896, by a plurality of more than twenty thousand votes. His vote was larger than that attained by any gubernatorial candidate during the entire history of the state, and his vote in his own city was larger than that received by any man at any election, save William McKinley.

Governor Ramsdell was married November 29, 1860, to Eliza D. Wilson of Deering, a descendant upon both sides from charter members of the Londonderry colony. Four children have been born to them: Harry W., February 1, 1862, Arthur D., August 2, 1863, Charles T., July 6, 1865, and Anne M., December 8, 1873.

The following is from the pen of Col. Henry O. Kent, and is taken from the history of our Seventeenth Regiment in the Civil War, which was published near the close of Governor Ramsdell's administration. Colonel Kent was his opponent in the gubernatorial contest which resulted in his election:

"As this is perhaps the last regimental history of the days of the war for the Union; recognizing the significant fact, that at this writing, a generation later than the close of that conflict, we are again under arms, this time, thank God, a *united* people, either section of the country vying with the other in noble emulation for the honor of the flag, and when a New Hampshire regiment is again in the field, it seems peculiarly fitting that this volume be the connecting link between the military record of the glorious past and the story that shall be told in like manner of the deeds of her sons in this conflict.

"To that end it also seems fitting that we present a brief narrative of the personality and career of the present chief executive of the state and commander-in-chief of its military power—the honored citizen who, by the choice of its people, enjoys the high distinction of being a *war governor*.

"The writer has known Governor Ramsdell through the vicissitudes of an active life, with respect for his sterling qualities and absolute integrity as a citizen.

"George Allen Ramsdell, born in Milford, March 11, 1834, is of English stock, and from one of the early families of New England. He took a preparatory academic course at the well-known McCollom Institute at Mont Vernon, was an undergraduate at Amherst College, and later received the degree of A. M. from Dartmouth; was admitted to the Bar, and was for a long time clerk of the courts for Hillsborough county. After his retirement from this responsible position, in which he often acted with great approval as a trier of causes,

he was tendered a seat upon the supreme bench by Gov. John B. Smith.

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"His position and influence in moral affairs has always been potential on the right side; as a consistent member of the Congregational church, a practical and pronounced temperance man, a just and worthy Mason, having attained to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. In his pleasant home he enjoys the just reward and rest of an honorable and busy life. Thus equipped, he was in November, 1896, elected governor of the state, serving with conscientious singleness of purpose and excellent results. Governor Ramsdell is careful, considerate, conservative, and yet a quick observer of public events, ready to meet the exigencies of state as they arise with wise deliberation.

"It must stand as a great credit to the state and its chief magistrate, that in the spring of the present year he raised so speedily and equipped so thoroughly, the admirable regiment now sustaining the honor of New Hampshire in the field, a regiment that we of the 'old régime' gladly welcome to comradeship, and the New Hampshire roll of honor begun at Louisburg and Bunker Hill and lengthened in every recurring war.

"The expedition, wise forethought, and experienced care exercised by Governor Ramsdell in organizing and forwarding the First New Hampshire Infantry in May, 1898, is well set forth in the following telegram sent the governor and given to the press by Senator Chandler:

"WASHINGTON, May 25, 1898.

"The president, secretary of war, and adjutant-general express themselves as highly gratified that the New Hampshire regiment—two hundred and fifty more than our quota—has come so promptly into the field, completely equipped in all particulars for immediate service.

"The people of New Hampshire may well be proud of the good and quick work done by their governor and council, adjutant-general, and other military authorities, and may feel sure that their first Cuban regiment will continue to do honor to the state. . . .

"Accept my personal thanks and gratitude for the good judgment, rapidity, and success with which you have, in behalf of the state, met the first demands of the war for Cuban freedom.'"

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#### CAPT. JACOB HUTCHINSON.

Jacob Hutchinson, son of Bartholomew and Phebe (Haggett) Hutchinson, was born February 5, 1785; died March 23, 1859; married, August 27, 1807, Betsy, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Burns) Burnham; married second, June 2, 1839, Esther, daughter of Phinehas







*R. B. Howison*

and Susan Whitney. By the first marriage there were four daughters, Betsy, who married William Shaw, Jr., Jane, who married Milton V. Wilkins, Harriet, who married Luther S. Bullard, and Maria Adeline, who married Timothy C. Senter.

Captain Hutchinson was the grandson of Nathan Hutchinson, the original settler, and located upon a portion of the Charlestown school farm, which descended to him from his father. At an early age he became interested in military matters, and in 1820 was a promoter of the organization of a company of light infantry enlisted under the legislative act of 1819. This company was composed of the substantial men of the town, and by their unanimous choice Mr. Hutchinson was made its first commander and held the position four years. His interest in military matters continued until far advanced in life. He was a good specimen of a man, physically and mentally, and was possessed of great activity and industry. His life was spent on the farm where he was born, and which he cultivated with more than usual skill. For many years he was largely interested in the culture of hops, having at times from twelve to fifteen acres in this single crop.

Captain Hutchinson was appointed collector of taxes for the town in 1816, and held the office continuously until 1835. He was a member of the board of selectmen for the years 1833-'34 and '35; was deputy sheriff of the county for several years, commencing with 1824. Having no sons of his own he sought the companionship and assistance of his grandson, Christopher C. Shaw, son of his eldest daughter. He remained with his grandfather until he embarked in business for himself.

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#### ROBERT R. HOWISON.

Robert Raney Howison was born in Kingsey, P. Q., on March 1, 1815; he was a son of Robert Howison, a sea captain and a native of Glasgow, Scotland. His mother, Nancy Wadleigh Howison, was of English parentage. Robert Raney was the third of eleven children. His parents, not being blessed with a superabundance of this world's goods, found it hard to meet the wants of the children growing up around them. Robert, compelled by the necessity of providing for himself, came to the States at the early age of fourteen. In 1834 he was working in a sawmill in Stoddard. Husbanding his earnings, he was continually looking forward for opportunities of bettering himself, and in 1842 he moved to Hancock and purchased an interest in a livery stable. Later he secured an interest in the Forest stage line from Hancock to Wilton and Nashua. From 1842 until 1868 he had a large interest in much of the stage business from Peterborough, Hancock, and Stoddard, to the point of railroad connection with Boston. Not having confined his operations entirely to passenger traffic, in company with Col. Hiram T. Morrill, of Nashua, for

many years a large express business was done between Boston and these towns. This business under their management attained large proportions. Mr. Howison also had government contracts for the distribution of the mails through the country traversed by his stage routes. In 1865, joining interests with the late John Marvell, of Milford, he engaged in lumbering and the real estate business. The partnership lasted upward of twenty-five years, and the business grew steadily. He also owned the Howison hotel. In business he displayed a marked ability in the handling of financial matters, and such conservative judgment that no losses were incurred by rash ventures. He was one of the incorporators of the Souhegan National Bank, established in 1856, a member of its board of directors until 1876, and was the president for seven years. He exercised the same conservative judgment in bank management that he did in his own affairs, and was a most valuable officer. He was also a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank for a number of years.

While in politics Mr. Howison was a loyal Republican, he invariably declined public office. He was a member of the construction committee of the town house in 1870, and was subsequently on the building committee of the Unitarian church, assisting largely in a financial way. At no other time did he take an active personal part in public affairs. He was always ready in a quiet way to aid any worthy enterprise designed for the improvement of the town and the elevation of society. For two years previous to his death Mr. Howison's health was gradually failing, but his faculties were active up to within an hour of his death. He died February 2, 1895, in the eightieth year of his age, leaving to his posterity a name that was a synonym for successful enterprise and honorable dealing.

In 1842 Mr. Howison married Elvira L. Mellen, of Stoddard, who died in 1850. She bore him three children, who lived but a short time, the eldest dying in her ninth year. In 1852 he married Caroline H. Johnson, of Milford, who had four children. These are Josephine H., the wife of John B. Dayfoot of Cambridge, Mass.; and William R., Arthur W., and James J. Howison, who are residents of Milford. Arthur W. continues in part the lumbering and real estate business established by his father and Mr. John Marvell, and is an influential man in his native town. He was a member of the board of selectmen of Milford for one year, and for the past three years has served upon the school board.

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#### COL. OLIVER W. LULL.

Col. Oliver W. Lull was born in Weare, Jan. 14, 1826. His parents were of the highest respectability. They were not able, however, to give Oliver a liberal education, which, quite likely, was fortunate for him. He attended the public shools at Weare and at Manchester, to



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which place he removed in 1844. He taught school for a while in Framingham, Mass., and in Milford. He commenced the study of the law at Framingham, and afterwards completed the course in the law office of the Hon. David Cross of Manchester. He was admitted to the bar of Hillsborough county in May, 1851, and then established himself in practice at Milford. He pursued his profession with great zeal and marked success until the commencement of the Civil War, in 1861. As a lawyer, considering his age and experience, he had few, if any, superiors. He infused into his practice the same enlivening energy and strong determination as that which had marked his previous career. Although an unflinching and tireless opponent, he was a considerate and faithful counselor. He commanded a large share of the business in his vicinity, and his practice was successful to an eminent degree. He was a good citizen, kind and faithful husband, an indulgent parent, a true friend. He possessed the highest social qualities, and no one enjoyed life better than he, and no one was better calculated to make those happy about him.

When the war broke upon us, the cause of our country found in Lieutenant-Colonel Lull an able and efficient supporter. Among the first to offer his services to his native state, his influence was felt far and near in raising recruits, and all, whether friendly or indifferent toward him, were constrained to acknowledge the manly and noble course that he pursued and the valuable and timely services he rendered.

He was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth New Hampshire Volunteers, and went with his regiment in General Butler's expedition to New Orleans. Before his departure he received many testimonials from his fellow-citizens of their regard and esteem, not the least of which was a beautiful horse, presented to him by the citizens of Nashua and vicinity. Many will remember his stirring and patriotic letter in which he handsomely acknowledged the gift, and the hope that he breathed that the rider might prove himself worthy of the blood and mettle of his noble steed. Most truly was the prayer answered.

Colonel Lull was every inch a man. His devotion to the land of his birth knew no bounds. He was accustomed to say, in his impassioned appeals to young men to come forward and fill up the ranks of his regiment, that he would not ask them to follow where he was not willing to lead. How true was this! When he received the wound that caused his death he was bravely leading his regiment to attack the works of the enemy. Throwing into the contest more than his accustomed energy, and displaying a bravery that cannot be described, raising his sword above his brow, he cried to his trusty followers to press on to victory. But in the midst of the wild excitement of the hour he fell from a rifle-ball, which entered his thigh and ranged into the abdomen. He was shot about ten o'clock in the forenoon and died about two the same day. When informed by the surgeon that he must

die, he said, "Thank God! I die for my country!" Thus was added another name to the long roll of heroic Americans who, by their valor, have proved their lives more than sublime,—men who were as true to the cause of their country as the "steel to the star or the stream to the sea."

Colonel Lull for some time was provost-judge at Thibodeaux, where he discharged the duties pertaining to the position with great proficiency. He was afterwards appointed upon General Weitzel's staff, and received the highest encomiums from that officer; also from Generals Butler, Phelps, and Emory. He always proved himself fully competent to fill any position to which he was assigned.

Colonel Lull was a Democrat in politics. He was a patriot. He was a man of brains and power. He had commanding talents. His natural place in any company was at the front. He was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Eighth New Hampshire regiment of volunteers, Oct. 1, 1861, and at once aided in recruiting the ranks, and went with them to the field, and remained with them till he died.

"At the time of the terrible assault upon the fortifications of Port Hudson, on the 27th of May, 1863, Lieutenant-Colonel Lull was temporarily serving on the staff of General Emory; but Colonel Fearing being in charge of a brigade, he voluntarily returned and took command of his own men. The Eighth regiment was among the forces at the head of the column when the advance was ordered, and with unequalled heroism the brave men charged directly upon the rebel forces. The conflict was desperate, but at length the enemy began to retreat with heavy loss. Lieutenant-Colonel Lull was constantly at the head of his command, and the fourth rebel line had just been passed when, in the act of cheering his men, he fell, pierced with a rebel rifle-ball. The wound, though very severe, was not instantly fatal. He was immediately carried to the rear, where, after a few hours of intense suffering, he expired. His body was carried to New Orleans, placed in a receiving tomb and there remained until the following autumn, when it was brought home to Milford for burial. His funeral services were held November 17th, in the church where the deceased had been accustomed to worship, the building being filled to the utmost capacity with sorrowing kindred and friends. A detachment of the governor's horse guards was present and performed military honors. Hon. David Cross, of Manchester, made an address, and related many incidents in the life of the deceased. The remains were deposited in the village cemetery, and his grave will long be remembered and honored as that of a man who nobly sacrificed his life for his country."

The above paragraph is from Waite's work on "New Hampshire in the Great Rebellion," and is quoted as giving an excellent epitome of the critical moments in the life of our distinguished friend. If he had chosen to have done at this supreme hour what he most properly might, and remained with General Emory, the result would have been

very different; but he deliberately exchanged a post of comparative safety for one of extreme danger. The spirit which impelled this heroic act is seen in the memorable and patriotic words of our hero written in his diary on the morning preceding his death, before the battle opened:

"In one hour we commence the storming of Port Hudson. Many of us will not see another day. If I should be one of that number, I shall have done my duty."

He was one who did not see another day, but his deeds of heroism are seen. His unselfish patriotism is brought to the light of the endless day, and the crown of immortal approbation is his. Verily,—

"'Tis sweet and glorious to die for one's country."

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#### STEPHEN C. COBURN.

Stephen C. Coburn was born Nov. 19, 1825, in Mont Vernon, son of Josiah and Judith (Carlton) Coburn. Josiah Coburn lived in Dracut, Mass., until ten years of age. Then he went to Mont Vernon, where he resided until his death, which occurred while he was yet in the prime of manhood. He married Judith Carlton, daughter of Dea. John Carlton. Deacon Carlton fought for independence in the Revolution. He was a lifelong resident of Mont Vernon, of which his father was a pioneer.

Stephen C. Coburn was an infant when his father died. He remained with his widowed mother throughout his boyhood, assisting her as much as he could in the maintenance of her family, and obtaining a practical education in the common and high schools of his native town. When sixteen years old he began serving an apprenticeship of three years to shoemaking with John Mills, of Milford, whither he removed for that purpose. Having become an adept at this work, Mr. Coburn followed it for thirty-five years, the last thirty years of the time being prosperously engaged as a manufacturer and retailer of boots and shoes in this town, employing at times as many as twelve men to assist him in meeting the demands of his customers. In 1882 he retired to his present farm, which contains about sixty acres of land, and has since devoted his time to farming pursuits. Mr. Coburn has ever been interested in all enterprises tending to improve and benefit the town or county. He has given his hearty support to all such projects, and is an active worker in the cause of temperance. He has served the community in some of the most responsible offices. From 1879 until 1883, inclusive, he represented the town in the state legislature. He was a member of the board of education for four years, and selectman for five years, being chairman of the board for all but one year of the time. He belongs to the local lodge of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Congregational church.

In 1856, September 11, Mr. Coburn married Miss Ann Jane Putnam, a daughter of the late Aaron K. Putnam, of Wilton. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn are the parents of five children, namely: Mary E., the wife of Albert A. Gilson, of Walpole; Florence S., the wife of William H. Whitmore, of Cleveland, Ohio; Grace, the wife of George A. McIntire, of this town; Stephen C. Coburn, Jr., of Milford; and Charles H., a resident of Hanover.

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#### WILLIAM P. COLBURN.

William P. Colburn was born April 18, 1827, on the farm he now owns and occupies. On the father's side he is of English descent. His grandfather, Job Colburn, was born in Dracut, Mass. His father, Joseph Colburn, who was also a native of Dracut, lived in that place until he was seventeen years old. Then Joseph came with Capt. Moses Nowell, one of the heroes of Bunker Hill, to Milford, arriving here early in the spring of 1800. Occupied in farming and becoming one of Milford's most valuable citizens, he spent the rest of his life here, and died in 1861. In politics he was a decided Whig. He married Miss Hannah Spalding, who was born and reared in Tewksbury, Mass. Of their children two are now living, namely: William P., the subject of this sketch, and Mrs. Julia A. Wiggin, a widow, residing in San Francisco, Cal.

William P. Colburn acquired his early education in the district schools of Milford. From his earliest years he has made a study of agriculture. Since succeeding to the paternal acres, he has carried on general farming after the most approved manner. He is a strong Republican in politics. During the years 1859 and 1860 he served as selectman. He is now (1899) a member of the legislature, having been elected to that position in the autumn of 1898 for two years. At present he is actively engaged in the genealogical work of the town history, now in preparation for the press.

On March 26, 1850, Mr. Colburn married Elizabeth M. Clark, who was born in Milford, Oct. 23, 1826, daughter of Joseph and Maria B. (Knowlton) Clark, both lifelong residents of this town. Her grandfather, Richard Clark, was a pioneer settler of Milford, coming here in the latter part of the last century, from Tewksbury, Mass. Mrs. Colburn's father, who was born in 1800, died in 1886. He was a Republican in politics, and a worthy member of the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Colburn have had six children, three of whom have passed to the higher life. The living children are Anna L., George W., and Percy H. Both parents are active members of the Baptist church, in which the father has been a deacon for twenty or more years.







*Joseph C. Foster*

## MOSES FOSTER.

The emigrant ancestor of the Foster family in Milford was Reginald Foster, who came from Exeter, Devonshire, England, and settled in Ipswich, Mass., about the year 1638.

Moses, the fifth from Reginald, was born in Ipswich, April 3, 1755; was barely of age at the time of the War of Independence, but entered the army and saw hard service; was one of the Ipswich men who marched to Lexington April 19, 1775; was in service in Rhode Island during the last five months of 1778; was in the memorable expedition against Quebec in 1775.

In 1787 he purchased seventy-six acres of land on Federal Hill, two and one-half miles south of Souhegan river, then a part of Amherst. In 1788 he built what is now a part of the house occupied by his grandson, Dea. John E. Foster.

In 1789 he married Mary Fuller, daughter of Timothy Fuller of Middleton, Mass. He continued to live upon Federal Hill for the remainder of his life, and was one of the substantial citizens of the town in its early history. He died in 1800.

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MOSES FOSTER, JR.

Moses Foster, Jr., the sixth from Reginald, was born on the Foster farm, Dec. 25, 1790, and there remained until 1847, when he removed to the village, where he had built a residence. During his occupation of the farm, in 1828, he built the commodious brick house upon the estate now owned and occupied by his son, John E. Foster. The brick for this house were manufactured in what was known as the Dascomb brick-yard, near the Pine Valley schoolhouse.

He spent his entire life in Milford, having been a well-to-do farmer and an influential citizen of his day. He was a public-spirited man; liberal in his views concerning local matters. On the formation of the Free Soil party he became one of its most ardent supporters. He was a member of the Baptist church. A man of good habits, he had a long life, and died in 1874. Of the children born to him there are still living, John E., Moses F., and Benjamin F., the latter the child of his second wife, Diana Wallingford.

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REV. JOSEPH COGIN FOSTER, D. D.

Joseph Cugin Foster, the grandson of the first of the name in town, was born upon the Foster farm, April 11, 1818, and died in Georgia, March 16, 1899, where he had spent the winter for his health. In addition to the usual attendance at the district school, he was for several terms a member of the select school taught in the village by Mr. Daniel Russell, a widely known teacher and instructor of youth.

In the spring of 1834, he became an apprentice in the printing office of the *Farmers' Cabinet*, in Amherst. Two years later he entered upon a course of study for the ministry at the Hamilton (N. Y.) Literary and Theological Institution, now Colgate University. After about two years, he became a student at the New Hampton (N. H.) Institute, from the theological department of which he graduated in August, 1841. He was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 19, 1843, where he remained until July, 1856. His second pastorate was in Beverly, Mass., with the First Baptist church, from August, 1856, till January, 1873, at which time he became pastor of the Baptist church in Randolph, Mass., continuing in that relation nine years, till January, 1882, when he resigned to become associate editor of *The Watchman*, a Baptist weekly published in Boston, in which position he remained for more than fourteen years.

For twenty-eight successive years he served on school committees in Brattleboro and Beverly. In 1857 he received the honorary degree of A. M. from Brown University, and in 1883 the degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by the Central University of Iowa. He wrote much for the periodical press, and some of his publications in tract form have had extensive circulation. He was an active and enthusiastic member of the Milford Lyceum in the days of his early manhood, and in all of the discussions, in which he was frequently a debater, he was uniformly upon the right side of the temperance, the anti-slavery, and other questions of a moral character. He was a strong preacher, and from the day of his ordination to the day of his decease he was continually testifying, by word and act, his devotion to the denomination to which he belonged.

His wife and the mother of his only child, William Eaton Foster, librarian of the public library, Providence, R. I., was Abigail Ann Eaton, daughter of Dea. Washington Eaton of Weare. Her death occurred Sept. 11, 1864. He married the second time Julia Ann Gould of Dover, daughter of Dea. John Gould.

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#### JOHN E. FOSTER.

John E. Foster was reared to man's estate on the homestead, obtaining his elementary education in the public schools of this town and at the Literary and Scientific Institute of Hancock. For about three years after his graduation he was engaged in teaching, spending his first year in Amherst, and the remainder of his time in Woodford county, Ill. Since that time he has been chiefly engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. For many years he has had considerable business in the probate court. He has a well-equipped farm of seventy-five acres, which he has managed in an able and systematic manner. Having taken much interest in local history, he is well informed on the sub-







*M. F. Foster*

ject, and has largely contributed to the new History of Milford. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for four years he served his fellow-townsmen as selectman.

On Feb. 15, 1848, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Sophia P. Farley, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Phelps) Farley. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have two children, namely, George E., who is a graduate of Cornell University, resides in Ithaca, N. Y., and is the manager and editor of the *Ithaca Democrat*, a leading local journal; and Flora S., the wife of George N. Woodward of Milford. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foster are members of the Congregational church, of which he was a deacon for a quarter of a century.

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#### MOSES F. FOSTER.

Moses Freeman Foster, grandson of Moses Foster, Sr., was born on Federal Hill Jan. 6, 1832, and was educated in the common schools of Milford and at the academy at Hancock. In the spring of 1849 he entered the employ of the Souhegan Manufacturing Company, where he remained three years, learning the details of cotton manufacturing; afterwards he was employed in the cotton mills of Chicopee, Holyoke, Indian Orchard, Mass., Cannelton, Ind., and Lawrence, Mass. March, 1858, he removed to Augusta, Ga., where he was overseer of carding for eight years in the Augusta cotton factories, including the four years of Civil War. In 1866 he removed to Cincinnati, and was superintendent of the Franklin factory for one year. In the spring of 1867 he removed to Milford, where he fitted up a permanent home near the place of his birth; at the same time he was engaged with Richard Kitson of Lowell, Mass., as agent of his machine works, which position he filled for one year. Engaging then with William C. Langley & Co. of New York, he removed to South Carolina to look after their cotton mill property, and to assist in organizing the Langley Manufacturing Company at Langley, where he spent eighteen years, first as agent for W. C. Langley & Co., and afterwards as superintendent of the Langley Manufacturing Company. April 1, 1886, he resigned as superintendent at Langley, and removed to his permanent home in Milford, where he remained for three years looking after his personal affairs; then prospected in Denison, Tex., with the view of establishing a cotton mill in that city, and assisted in organizing the Denison Cotton Manufacturing Company.

On Sept. 13, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide L. Doane of Lawrence, Mass. Their only child, Fanny Doane, was born during the residence of her parents in Georgia. In politics he is a Democrat, with independent proclivities. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Benevolent lodge, No. 7, Milford, to King Solomon Chapter, No. 17, of Milford, and to St. George Commandery, Nashua.

Mr. Foster's attachment to his native town has been fully shown by the fact that he has always regarded it as his home, and is now the owner of a well-cared-for farm on Federal Hill. While he has never sought office in town or otherwise, he was persuaded to serve, and did serve, as a member of the board of selectmen in 1889, and in many ways has testified to his interest in the growth and prosperity of the town.

Early in life Mr. Foster became master of the business of cotton manufacturing, and in all the situations in which he has been connected with it he has uniformly succeeded. Self-reliant and possessed of unusual executive ability, he has fairly won a prominent place among the successful men of New Hampshire.

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### CHARLES HENRY BURNS.

Charles Henry Burns was born in Milford, Jan. 19, 1835, of good old New England stock, which on both sides had been prominent in that town from its earliest settlement.

On his father's side he descended from that Scotch-Irish race which has given to New Hampshire and New England so many able men. His ancestry on his father's side is as follows:

1. John Burns, of Scotch origin, born in 1700; came to America from north of Ireland in 1736; settled in Milford before 1746; died in Milford in 1782.

2. Thomas, seventh child and third son of John. It is not known where or when he was born, but he was probably born in Milford. The date of his death, which occurred at Milford, is also unknown; he was, however, not far from eighty years of age when he died. He married Elizabeth Hartness of Lunenburg, Mass.

3. Samuel, sixth child and third son of Thomas and Elizabeth, born at Milford, Sept. 17, 1779, died at Milford, Sept. 20, 1817. He was selectman in Milford from the age of twenty-one for ten years. He was a strong man, and died of brain fever. His funeral was the largest ever held in Milford. He married Abigail Jones, Feb. 12, 1801. She was a woman of great strength of mind and of most excellent character.

4. Charles A., fourth child and second son of Samuel and Abigail Burns, was born at Milford, July 19, 1809, and died of fever at Milford, July 25, 1857. He married Dec. 31, 1832, Elizabeth Hutchinson of Milford. They were both people of the highest character, and well known for their intelligence and worth.

5. Charles H., son of Charles A. and Elizabeth, born at Milford, Jan. 19, 1835, married Sarah N. Mills, Jan. 19, 1856, at Milford. They have four living children,—Sarah E. (Burns) Gregg, Charles A., Blanche, and Ben E. They have buried one son, Arthur H. Burns, aged twenty years, and three infant children. On his mother's side, who was a Hutchinson, he is of English descent, and we here give a somewhat extended record of that old family. The antiquity of the Hutchinson



*Charles H. Burns*





family in England is very great, and was represented by Barnard Hutchinson of Cowlan, in the county of York, in 1282. He was denominated esquire, and his wife was the daughter of John Bagville, one of the oldest families of Yorkshire. They had children,—John, Robert, and Mary.

1. Richard was a direct descendant from John, the heir of Cowlan; was born in England, and married Dec. 7, 1627, Alice Bosworth. He resided at North Markham, and about the year 1635 emigrated, with his family, to New England. The earliest mention made of him in this country is found in the town records of Salem, Mass., in 1636, when the town made him a grant of land. In 1637 the town made him an additional grant of twenty acres, "provided he would set up a plough." In 1654 and 1660 further grants were made. The land was situated in the vicinity of Hathorn's hill and Beaver brook, which now runs through the town of Middlesex into the Ipswich river. He died about 1662.

2. Joseph, son of Richard, was born in England in 1633, and came with his father to New England and settled upon a portion of his father's estate, which was conveyed to him in 1666.

3. Benjamin, son of Joseph, died in 1733. He married Jane, daughter of Walter and Margaret Phillips. He married second, Jan. 26, 1714, Abigail Foster. Eleven children by Jane.

4. Benjamin, son of Benjamin, born at Salem, Jan. 27, 1693. He was a man of large wealth. He married, Feb. 7, 1715, Sarah, daughter of John and Mary (Nurse) Tarbell. Seven children.

5. Nathan, son of Benjamin, baptized Feb. 10, 1717. He was a farmer, and remained with his father at Bedford, Mass., until 1748, thence to Amherst (now Milford), where he died Jan. 12, 1795; married Rachel Stearns; six children. He was one of the first settlers in the territory of Milford.

6. Nathan, son of Nathan, born in Amherst (now Milford), February, 1752, died Dec. 26, 1831. He was a farmer. Married, 1778, Rebecca Peabody, daughter of William and Rebecca (Smith) Peabody. She was born Jan. 2, 1752, died Feb. 25, 1826; seven children.

7. Abel, son of Nathan and Rebecca, born in Milford, Aug. 8, 1795, died Feb. 19, 1846; married, Jan. 22, 1816, Betsy, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Bartlett. She was born in Amherst (now Milford), Oct. 26, 1796, died at Milford, Aug. 23, 1873; nine children.

8. Elizabeth, daughter of Abel and Betsy, born at Milford, June 18, 1816, died Sept. 5, 1885; married, Dec. 31, 1833, Charles A. Burns; nine children.

9. Charles H., son of Elizabeth and Charles A., etc.

Betsy Bartlett, wife of Abel, was also a descendant of the first Richard, through Joseph, third son of Joseph (first). The four races above named—Burns, Peabody, Hutchinson and Bartlett—are of the highest character and respectability.

Mr. Burns spent his early years upon his father's farm, and there

developed that strength and good constitution with which he is so admirably equipped for the battle of life. He early evinced a desire for an education, and after getting what assistance he could from the common schools of Milford, which were always of a high order, he entered the Appleton academy, at New Ipswich, at that time under the management of Professor Quimby, from which institute he graduated in 1854. From the age of seventeen to twenty-one he taught school in winter at Ashby, Mass., and in New Ipswich and Lyndeborough.

For some time he had entertained the purpose of entering the legal profession, for which he had already exhibited an aptitude. He read law in the office of Col. O. W. Lull, in Milford, and subsequently attended the Harvard Law School, where he graduated in the class of 1858. In May of the same year he was admitted to the Suffolk bar, in Massachusetts, and in October following he was admitted to the New Hampshire bar. In January, 1859, Mr. Burns commenced the practice of the law at Wilton, where he has since resided, although of late years his extended practice through Hillsborough county and the state has necessitated the removal of his office to Nashua. He commenced his professional labors, as every young man must who has no one to rely upon but himself, with the smaller and more ordinary kinds of legal work; but by slow degrees he has risen, until to-day he is one of the most successful lawyers in New Hampshire, and his practice includes the highest order of cases. He has been engaged in some of the most important litigation in the state during the last twenty-five years. He has also been prominently connected with the railroad legislation of the state during the same period, making the leading arguments in most of the more important hearings before legislative committees, which have been published in pamphlet form, and are a part of the railroad literature and history of the state.

While Mr. Burns's practice is largely in civil cases he has been engaged in some of the most interesting and celebrated murder trials that have ever been had in the state. He acted an important part in securing the conviction of Major of poisoning his wife. He successfully defended Brown, who was charged with killing his neighbor, Wood. This case attracted wide attention, not only because it was tried with great vigor and ability but also on account of the age of the parties, Brown being eighty-three, and Wood seventy-one. He also defended Hodgman, who was charged with the murder of his wife, securing his full acquittal.

Mr. Burns, although a good lawyer in all the branches of his profession, especially excels as an advocate. His advocacy is of a high order. He is what most of our lawyers, and public speakers even, are not, a natural orator. The whole bent and inclination of his mind has, from his earliest years, always been in this direction. He has given himself a thorough training and practice at the bar, on the stump, and on all those varied occasions when a public speaker is

called upon to address the people. This natural talent, thus trained, has made him a clear-cut, incisive, and polished orator, who never fails to hold and impress his audience. He gave the oration at the laying of the corner-stone of the new town house in Milford; at the dedication of the town house in Greenville; at the dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument in Nashua; at the dedication of the monument in honor of Matthew Thornton at Thornton's Ferry; on General Miller at the dedication of Miller Park; at the dedication of the new Masonic hall in Milford; at the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Wilton, and the centennial address on the one hundredth anniversary of the town of Milford, together with many other addresses.

It can be said of him, what can be said of very few men, he excels in advocacy and general oratory. His arguments before juries best illustrate his power as a speaker, while his public addresses exhibit his peculiar charm as an orator. As an advocate he ranks among the first in the New Hampshire bar. As a orator he compares favorably with our best public speakers. He has held various important offices in the line of his profession. In 1876 he was appointed by Governor Cheney county solicitor for Hillsborough county, and was subsequently reëlected twice to that office by the people, the constitution in the meantime having been changed so as to make the office elective instead of appointive. He held this office in all seven years, and discharged the difficult and delicate duties of a prosecuting officer in a large county ably and satisfactorily.

In February, 1881, he was appointed United States district attorney for New Hampshire, and in February, 1885, was reappointed to that office, holding the same some six years, and discharging the duties with his usual fidelity and success.

Mr. Burns has been a lifelong Republican. His father, Charles A. Burns, was an active and prominent anti-slavery worker in that little band of anti-slavery agitators which existed in Milford. Young Burns when a boy was brought in contact with such men as Parker Pillsbury, Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and Frederick Douglass, and imbibed the sentiments with which they were animated, so that by force of these influences he was naturally a Republican, welcoming this party as the means to carry out the principles of emancipation and freedom.

When quite young his interest in the Republican cause, together with his aptitude for public speaking, led him to take the stump for his party. For years he has performed in this way the most efficient service for the Republican party, and to-day is one of its ablest and most eloquent stump-speakers. Mr. Burns was elected county treasurer of Hillsborough county in 1864 and 1865. He was also a member of the New Hampshire state senate in 1873 and again in 1879, and in both years was chairman of the judiciary committee, and took a prominent part in directing and shaping the legislation of those years. He

was appointed by Governor Head, in 1879, on his staff, judge-advocate general, with the rank of brigadier-general.

He was a delegate-at-large to the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati in 1876, and represented the New Hampshire delegation on the committee on resolutions. He was one of the three New Hampshire delegates who strenuously opposed Mr. Blaine's nomination for president, at first voting for Mr. Bristow and finally for Mr. Hayes.

He was selected to preside at the Republican State Convention, held at Concord, Sept. 10, 1878, and upon assuming the chair made one of his characteristic speeches. The speech was delivered just after the Greenback party had won a victory in Maine, and the public mind was full of false theories, and the high ground taken by the speaker in favor of honest money and national faith, created a deep impression throughout the state. It was everywhere commended as a strong, forcible presentation of the issues of the hour.

Mr. Burns is a man of scholarly tastes and habits; he has a fine law library, one of the best in the state, and a choice and valuable collection of miscellaneous books. He has supplemented his study and work with travel at home and abroad. He is an honorary member of the New Hampshire Historical Society, and also of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. In 1874 Dartmouth College conferred upon Mr. Burns the honorary degree of A. M. He is a lifelong and prominent Mason, having taken thirty-two degrees in that order. He has also been master of the lodge with which he is connected.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage with Sarah N. Mills of Milford, upon his twenty-first birthday, Jan. 19, 1856, by whom he has had eight children, four of whom are now living,—two sons and two daughters. His oldest son, Arthur H., a high-minded young man of fine character and great promise, died in 1876, when only twenty years of age, a great loss to his parents and to the community in which he lived, by whom he was universally loved and respected.

Mr. Burns has a fine homestead in Wilton, in which and all its surroundings he very properly takes great pride and pleasure. To his wife, his family, and his home he has ever been loyally and devotedly attached.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding, his friends, to a large number, met at his house to celebrate with him that occasion. It was a notable gathering. Governor Head and many other prominent persons were present and celebrated with his friends that event with good cheer, with the giving of many valuable presents and by appropriate speeches, expressive of their regard and appreciation of the lives and character of Mr. Burns and his wife, and by other appropriate literary exercises.

Mr. Burns is in the forefront of his profession, almost constantly employed in the trial of cases before courts, juries, and referees. He has never had a partner until Sept. 1, 1899, when his youngest son, Ben Emery Burns, made the firm of Burns & Burns. His eldest son,







*Mark F. Burns*

Charles A. Burns, is a merchant and manufacturer in Boston, and at the head of the Union Soapstone Company.

The engraving in this volume is from a photograph taken of Mr. Burns the day he was sixty years of age.

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#### MARK F. BURNS.

Hon. Mark F. Burns, one of Boston's successful business men, was born in Milford, May 24, 1841, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Burns. He died January 16, 1898. He was the brother of Hon. Charles H. Burns of Wilton. His boyhood was spent upon his father's farm and in the public schools of the town. After several terms in the Appleton Academy of Mont Vernon, he taught school in the vicinity two winters, and three years near Freehold, N. J. At the age of twenty-four he went to Boston and began a business career of uninterrupted success.

After five prosperous years in the retail milk business he became a milk contractor, enlarging his business from time to time until he stood among the largest and most influential dealers in New England. He was for some years treasurer of the Boston Dairy Company and president of the Milk Contractors' Association, two of the largest organizations of the kind in the country.

With prosperity came responsibilities and honors. He was for several years one of the directors of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company; director of the Monument bank of Boston, one of the substantial banks of the country; and a vice-president of the City Savings bank of Boston, which has some \$6,000,000 on deposit. At the time of his decease he was president of the latter institution. In these moneyed institutions Mr. Burns was universally recognized as a wise counselor because of his integrity, sagacity, and financial strength.

Since 1873 Mr. Burns lived in Somerville, where he owned and occupied one of the finest residences in the city. He was one of the leaders in the affairs of the city and county for many years. He was twice elected to the lower branch of the city government (1880-'81), president in 1881; twice to the board of aldermen (1882-'83); and four times as mayor (1885-'86-'87-'88). No other man has ever had so many years of municipal service and honor in that service. He was also a trustee of the public library and served on the school board for five years. In the language of one who knew his public service in all these years, "No man has ever been more honored by Somerville, and no man has honored the city more. He gave to the city the same attention that made his own business prosperous."

"He was one of the founders of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, and served several years as its president or secretary. His associate mayors have always recognized the service he rendered all municipal interests by the legislation he helped to secure in behalf of the cities.

He was an influential member of the Middlesex Club, the Webcoit Club, several political, social, and dining clubs, the 999th Artillery Association, Soley Lodge, F. and A. M., Excelsior Council, Royal Arcanum, Beacon Lodge, A. O. U. W.

Mr. Burns married Elvira Bowers, November 17, 1862. Their children are: Samuel A., who carries on a part of the business which his father did; Robert, analytic chemist in the employ of the Boston Dairy Co.; Maud (Mrs. O. Gilbert Seeley); and Paul, in the Boston office of the Life Insurance Company of New York. Mrs. Burns died January 13, 1885. Mr. Burns was married April 27, 1892, to Miss Sarah A. Miles of Somerville, only daughter of the late Walter Miles.

Mr. Burns's death caused universal sorrow in Somerville. One of her most distinguished citizens said: "It is usual to speak highly of one when dead. We look upon the good and forget the bad side of men. The ex-mayor had but one side—the good. What he was, was native to him, or self-acquired. He had not the advantages of a high education, but he had a penetrating and reflecting mind, and by sheer force of will won success in whatever he undertook.

"He had the elements of real greatness in him. He showed in his face the characteristics of a man that could not be trifled with. He was no idealist, but his ideals were honorable and high. His judgment and will power were his great characteristics.

"He was one of those men who in certain circumstances would have become a martyr rather than change his convictions. In his death Somerville has lost a great citizen."

This voiced the unanimous sentiment of the entire community. The funeral services were of the most impressive character, and attended by a throng of public officials and prominent people from Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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#### CHARLES A. BURNS.

Charles Alonzo Burns was born in Milford, July 19, 1809, and died there July 25, 1857. He was descended on his father's side from John Burns of Scotch origin, who came to this country from the north of Ireland in 1700, and was one of the earliest settlers of Milford. His mother was Abigail Jones, a strong woman of great excellence of character. He married, December 31, 1833, Elizabeth Hutchinson of Milford. In the sketch of his eldest son, Charles H. Burns, elsewhere in this volume, the genealogy of Mr. and Mrs. Burns is more fully given. Their children were as follows: Charles Henry, born January 19, 1835; Edward Alonzo, born November 4, 1836, died January 11, 1891; Ann Elizabeth, born July 14, 1838; Mark Fordice, born May 24, 1841, died January 16, 1898; George Hutchinson, born August 18, 1845, died October 11, 1865; Samuel Albert, born November 10, 1847, died September 22, 1865; Fred Morton, born September 14, 1850, died





*Charles A. Burns*





*Elizabeth H. Burroughs*



December 25, 1887; Robert, born December 10, 1854, died August 30, 1855; Richard, born July 3, 1856.

Mr. Burns was a farmer of more than ordinary intelligence, force, and enterprise. For a series of years he raised, in addition to the usual farm crops, large quantities of hops. He was also one of the pioneers in the granite business in Milford, opening one of the first quarries ever developed in town. It is now owned and wrought by John Bishop, and is located on the north side of the Souhegan river, and near the old Hutchinson family homestead. The granite from this quarry is among the finest, in point of quality, to be found in New England. He was a busy, pushing, successful man, vigorous in both mind and body. He never held office of any kind. He was a man of high and resolute character, temperate, honest, and true. He hated sham and hypocrisy. In religion, originally inclined to the Baptists, he came to be in course of time liberal, and was one of the so-called "Come-outers." He was an abolitionist of the most pronounced type. Garrison, Phillips, Rogers, Pillsbury, and a host of abolition leaders, were often entertained by him and his wife. Frederick Douglass, the greatest orator of his race, found early protection there, and the last time Douglass visited the state he related staying over night with Mr. and Mrs. Burns, and when he left Mr. Burns dropped into his hand three dollars, "worth," as the great fugitive said, "more than three thousand would be to me now." Although uneducated, beyond what the old district school afforded, Mr. Burns was a ready and powerful speaker, and often took part in the debates in the Come-outer meetings in the old Ames hall.

Mr. Burns died of typhoid fever at the early age of forty-eight. His death left a widow with eight children. It is but a just tribute to the force and character of this noble woman to say that no one ever met a gloomy emergency with more tact, success, and resignation. For ten years she held the farm and run it well, keeping her family together, and managing in the meantime to send some of them away to school. And "the boys," as each in turn came to be the foreman of the business, under her leadership, acted manfully their part. Not one ever disputed her authority or questioned her wisdom, and they continued till the end to make a happy and harmonious home. Verily she was a beautiful woman of the old school. Mrs. Burns died September 4, 1885, at almost seventy years of age.

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#### HEZEKIAH ELDREDGE, M. D.

Dr. Hezekiah Eldredge was born at Princeton, Mass., Feb. 6, 1798, eldest son of Dr. Micah and Sarah Buttrick Eldredge. He studied medicine with his father and Dr. Cutter of Pepperell, and graduated from the medical department of Brown University, Providence, R. I., in 1825. Married Miss Sarah Bennett of Dunstable, Mass., May 11,

1826, and took his father's practice in Dunstable. He removed to Pembroke in 1833, and remained there till 1840, when he located in Amesbury, Mass. Removed to Milford in 1848, where he resided till his death, Jan. 25, 1870.

He had three sons by his first wife,—Lucius Owen, died in Milford, Aug. 16, 1871; Erasmus Darwin, died in Toledo, Ohio, March 8, 1866; Frederick Augustus, a physician in Berlin Heights, Erie county, Ohio.

Mrs. Eldredge died at Amesbury, Mass., in 1846. Dr. Eldredge married, second, Louisa C. Eastman, daughter of Deacon Cyrus Eastman of Amherst, Nov. 1, 1846, by whom he had a daughter, Sarah Louisa, born Dec. 10, 1852, and died Aug. 19, 1854. An adopted daughter, born in Lowell, June 4, 1852, died Feb. 22, 1856.

For twenty years Dr. Eldredge had a successful practice in Milford, and enjoyed the confidence and regard of the community, which was abundantly manifested to him and his family in their days of sorrow.

As a physician he was characterized by caution, prudence, and judgment. He had an inexhaustible flow of good humor, which aided the remedial effects of his prescriptions. His services were frequently and cheerfully rendered to the poor without pay. When he gained the confidence of his patrons he was a lifelong friend.

As a counselor with his professional brethren he was honest, honorable, despising meanness, trickery, and over-reaching. His practice was not confined to the place of his residence, but extended into many of the neighboring towns. His crowning excellence was his Christian character. For thirty-eight years he was a useful and consistent member of the Congregational church.

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#### JOSIAH WEBSTER PILLSBURY.

Josiah Webster Pillsbury, who lived in Milford for nearly fifty years, was born at Hamilton, Mass., March 20, 1811, the second son of Oliver and Anna (Smith) Pillsbury. In 1814 his father bought and removed to a hill farm in Henniker, and on this farm, four miles from the village, were reared nine sons and daughters. The eldest was Parker Pillsbury, the anti-slavery apostle, and others were Oliver, many years insurance commissioner of New Hampshire, and Gilbert, commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau of South Carolina, and the first mayor of Charleston after the war. Mr. Pillsbury's parents were devout Congregationalists, and wished to devote one or more of their sons to the ministry. With this in view the three eldest looked toward a liberal education, and Webster, as he was called in the family, after serving out his minority on the farm, began to prepare for college, defraying his expenses by teaching. While at Phillips (Andover) Academy he espoused the cause of abolition, under the inspiration of Garrison, and became an active member of an anti-slavery society formed among the students. The academy authorities frowned upon and finally prohibited the society, whereupon its mem-

bers left the school in a body. This incident affected Mr. Pillsbury's whole future, as, in view of the attitude of the church toward slavery, he thereupon abandoned any purpose of entering the ministry. He completed preparation for college at Pinkerton (Derry) Academy, entered Dartmouth in 1836, at the age of twenty-five, and graduated in 1840, being the author of the class ode at graduation. In 1841 he married Elizabeth Dinsmoor, of Windham, a descendant of the Scotch settlers of that neighborhood and a niece of the elder Samuel Dinsmoor, and cousin of the younger of that name, who were successively governors of New Hampshire. In 1841 Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury took charge, as principal and preceptress, of the Pepperell Academy at Pepperell, Mass., and in 1842-'44 of the High school of Weymouth, Mass. In the meantime Mr. Pillsbury had begun the study of medicine, but a threat of pulmonary disease compelled him to abandon this and take to the out-of-door life of a farmer. In the winter of 1844-'45 he first came to Milford, as teacher in the old brick school-house near the stone bridge, and in 1845 he bought the David Secomb place on Nashua street and settled in Milford. He became an active member and officer of the local anti-slavery society, and of the village lyceum, an organization which for the thirty years of its existence was a powerful factor in the education of the young and middle-aged people of the town; for several years a member and chairman of the superintending school committee, and a frequent contributor, in prose and verse, to the local press and literary societies. During the slavery agitation his home was a headquarters of the abolition lecturers and missionaries, and on one or more occasions a station of the "underground railroad," where a black man was as welcome and as safe as any other. In 1857 he sold his Milford farm and removed to a farm in Amherst, where he served upon the school committee and was once chosen a member of the board of selectmen. His dislike of personal controversy led him to refuse reelection to that office, in view of a local quarrel over the laying-out of a highway. In the spring of 1862 he sold his Amherst farm and returned to Milford, living on Amherst street. In the same year he was appointed school commissioner of Hillsborough county, which office he held for two years. In 1864 he went to South Carolina, with his younger brother Gilbert, in the service of the government in connection with the Freedmen's Bureau, where he remained nearly two years, in duties of considerable responsibility, chiefly at Port Royal, where he was for some time supervisor and judge of a provisional court having criminal and civil jurisdiction.

After this sojourn in the South he continued to live on Amherst street until 1881, when he bought and removed to the South street place formerly of Major George Daniels, which was his home for the rest of his life. When the movement began for the formation of a Unitarian society in Milford, in or about 1870, Mr. Pillsbury actively engaged in it, being an original member, incorporator, and officer of the society, an active helper in the building of the stone church, a



constant attendant upon its services, and long superintendent of the Sunday-school, in which his work and interest continued unabated until his death.

In person Mr. Pillsbury was tall, and until late in life erect, with large features, dark complexion, and black hair hardly tinged with gray, even in his old age, slow of movement and moderate of speech. The most noticeable traits of his life and character were his quiet and peace-loving disposition, and his interest in, and connection with, anti-slavery, temperance, liberal religion, and other reforms. He was one of the earliest in the Washingtonian movement, from which time he never touched intoxicants in any form. He never used tobacco, and his brothers bore witness that he was never heard, in youth or age, to utter an oath even of the mildest type. To this may be added that he was never known to be involved in a personal quarrel, or to have had a personal enemy. His virtues were unobtrusive and unobtrusive. As a reformer he was courageous and thorough, but his quiet way of advocating an unpopular cause disarmed criticism, and often carried conviction where more violent means would have failed. He spoke and wrote good English, was a wide and intelligent reader and student of events, and always well-informed in all matters relating to the progress of thought, toward which he naturally inclined more than to the material side of life. He had neither the desire nor the faculty of amassing property, but was content with the narrow lot of a New Hampshire farmer, finding solace in the studious habits and literary tastes, which, in his later years, he was fortunately able to indulge. At nearly fourscore he returned to the classics and the Greek Testament, in which he read almost daily to the end of his life. He was very fond of music, and had some proficiency in it. He took an active interest in town affairs, and was always ready to help in any movement tending to promote good morals or good citizenship, but his character did not adapt him either to seek or obtain public office, and his influence in the community was chiefly as a modest exemplar of "plain living and high thinking," and an advocate and teacher, by precept and example, of moral and social advancement. His last public utterance was an address in the Unitarian church on kindness to dumb animals, to him an indispensable part of a good man's religion. He was universally respected and esteemed for his kindly disposition, blameless life, and firm adherence to his convictions. He died, after a short illness, October 26, 1894.

Any sketch of Mr. Pillsbury would be incomplete without mention of his most efficient helpmeet, who celebrated with him the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, June 1, 1891. She was educated at Derry and Mt. Holyoke seminary, under Mary Lyon, and before her marriage had been a teacher at Windham and Chester, N. H., and Methuen, Mass. Throughout her earlier life Mrs. Pillsbury was one of the women, of whom a few are known in every country town, on whom everybody called in time of need, and who always responded to





Albert E. Hillberry

the call. She was earnest and active in the anti-slavery cause, and in the work of the Sanitary Commission during the Rebellion, and has been deeply interested in the welfare of the Unitarian society, of which she is still a leading and valued member. She has lived to be one of the oldest residents of Milford, retaining and still occupying the South street home, with a spirit as alert, and an interest in affairs as keen, as any of her younger contemporaries.

A daughter, Antoinette A., born at Milford, May 26, 1846, died there August 12, 1866. She was an accomplished scholar and musician, and her untimely death was lamented by a wide circle of friends.

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#### ALBERT E. PILLSBURY.

Albert Enoch Pillsbury, ex-attorney-general of Massachusetts, Boston, was born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1849, son of Josiah Webster and Elizabeth (Dinsmoor) Pillsbury. On the paternal side he is of English descent, through William Pillsbury, who came from Derbyshire and settled in Newbury (now Newburyport), Mass., in 1641. His great-grandfather, Parker Pillsbury, was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. His father was educated for a professional career, being graduated from Dartmouth in 1840, but in view of his health was compelled to adopt an outdoor life, and became a farmer. On the maternal side he is descended from John Barnet and John Dinsmoor, original Scotch settlers of Londonderry. Mr. Pillsbury attended the high school in his native town, Appleton academy, New Ipswich, and Lawrence academy, Groton, Mass., where he graduated, and entered Harvard in 1867, but did not finish the course, leaving college to teach school and to study law in the West. He read law with James Dinsmoor, his uncle, at Sterling, Illinois, and was admitted to the Bar of that state. Returning to the East, he was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1871, settled in Boston, and began the practice of his profession the same year. As a lawyer he has been highly successful. He is counsel for numerous large corporations, and for some years past has devoted himself principally to this class of business, having declined judicial and other public positions. He has published a number of legal arguments and addresses, and contributed to legal and other periodicals. Mr. Pillsbury was a member of the Massachusetts legislature in 1876, 1877, and 1878. From the beginning he took his place among the leaders. He was elected to the senate of 1884, and was twice reelected. In 1885 he was unanimously chosen president of the senate, an honor again conferred upon him a year later. From 1891 to 1893, inclusive, he was attorney-general of the commonwealth. He was prominently mentioned for the Republican nomination for governor in 1892, and was the leading candidate for the nomination against Governor Greenhalge in 1893. Mr. Pillsbury was president of the Mercantile Library Association in 1879; he has been vice-president and a director of the United States

Trust Company since its organization, and a trustee of the Franklin Savings bank for about ten years. Since 1896 he has been lecturer on Constitutional Law in the Law school of Boston University, and he was recently appointed a commissioner to revise the charter of the city of Boston. He is a member of the Algonquin, Art, and University clubs; of the Massachusetts, Middlesex, and other political clubs; vice-president of the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and various other scientific, charitable, and literary societies. He was also the organizer of the present society of Sons of New Hampshire in Boston. Mr. Pillsbury delivered the annual oration before the Boston city government on the Fourth of July, 1890. The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Harvard College in 1891.

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#### GILBERT WADLEIGH.

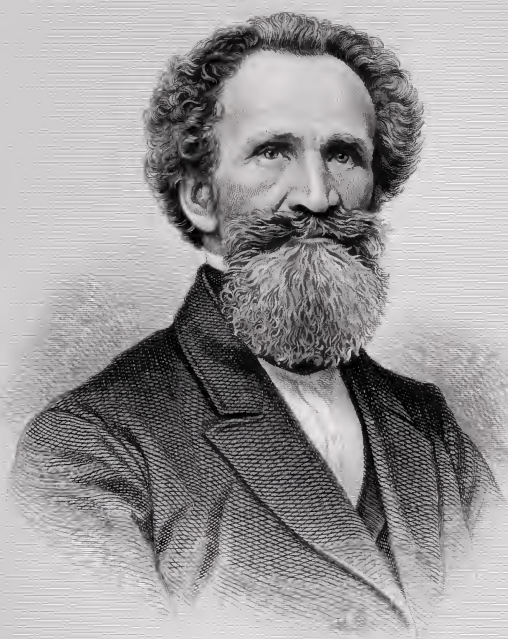
Gilbert Wadleigh, son of Benjamin Wadleigh, was born at Sutton, May 27, 1821. He fitted for college at New London Academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth in 1847, with high honors. After graduation he taught school in Sutton, Bradford, and Concord; read law with Hon. Mason W. Tappan of Bradford. He came to Milford in 1851 and commenced to practise law. He had a good legal mind and was a well-read lawyer. He was possessed of a fine physique, a dignified, commanding presence, and a very genial nature. Having a fund of knowledge, ready wit, and good sound common sense, his conversation was very instructive and entertaining, and in social circles his company was always solicited. Hardly had he become a citizen of Milford before he manifested interest in educational matters, and not being pressed with clients, he taught a private school with marked success, being a thorough instructor and an excellent disciplinarian. One of his former pupils in speaking of him, said, "He was the most thorough teacher it was ever my good fortune to have. 'Why' was the prominent word in his vocabulary." He left teaching in 1852, but was a member of the board of education for many years. He was treasurer of the town of Milford from 1860 to 1864, inclusive, and represented the town in the legislature in 1863-'64; from 1859 to 1864 he was cashier of the Souhegan national bank, resigning to accept the position of paymaster in the United States army. In that capacity he was very efficient, being one of the very few whose accounts on inspection were found perfectly accurate. In his later years he resumed law practice to a limited extent, devoting the rest of his time to insurance and real estate business. He was treasurer of the Savings bank from 1871 to 1875. In all the positions which he filled he proved himself an able, conscientious, and honorable man. His citizenship was of the highest order. Gilbert Wadleigh died at Milford, March 7, 1886. He was never married.







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## WILLIAM B. TOWNE.

William Blanchard Towne was born in Bow, Oct. 12, 1810. He was the eldest of ten children of Jonathan Towne, a grandson of Jonathan Towne, who settled upon the Towne homestead on the Nashua road, as early as 1759, and was descended in the seventh generation from William Towne, of Yarmouth, in Norfolk, England, who emigrated to this country, and after a short residence in Salem, Mass., removed to Topsfield, where he died about 1672. His mother, Clarissa Hoyt, daughter of Capt. John Hoyt, lived to celebrate her one hundredth anniversary. A brief sketch of her long and useful life is found upon an earlier page of this volume.

William began to attend school at the age of five years, and attended it till he was twelve. He then remained at home, assisting on the farm during the summer and going to school during the winter months, till he was fifteen.

When he was about twelve years old, he began to have a strong desire to strike out for himself and depend upon his own efforts to maintain himself. When told by his father that a boy of his age could not get a living among strangers, he replied, "If you will let me try, I will never call on home for assistance to the value of a farthing." The spirit of self-reliance and desire to try his fortune in the world increased as he grew older, and he persuaded his mother to use her influence with his father to obtain permission to make a trial. At length his wish was gratified. When he was sixteen years old, Dr. Josiah Crosby, of Concord, the family physician, was one day in Bow at the house of Mr. Jonathan Towne, and expressed a wish to find a boy to take care of his horse and do errands for Mrs. McClary, with whom he boarded. Mr. Towne said he thought that his son William would suit, and arrangements were accordingly made for the doctor to take him home on his next visit.

The day of his leaving home he has himself recorded as the 20th of April, 1827. It is probable that he went on trial to this place, for he records, in 1834, that a supposed residence of a fortnight in Concord had then been prolonged to seven years. One motive which attracted him to this place was no doubt the opportunity which it afforded for medical advice, for he states that he was then seriously affected with a lung complaint which had preyed upon him till at times it was with difficulty that he could sit up all day. The change of situation and medical advice had a beneficial effect, for, he says, "the germ of health soon made its appearance in the feeble constitution, and continued to spread till it pervaded the whole system." He spent two years in this situation, attending school eight months the first year and ten months the second.

He had now arrived at a period when it became necessary to select some occupation for life. His own preference was for the printing business, but his father did not approve of this choice, and he con-



cluded to try a mercantile life. In April, 1829, in his nineteenth year, he entered the dry goods and grocery store of William West, as a clerk, where he continued two years or more. He was next employed, in the summer of 1832, in the store of John Leach. The ensuing autumn he took charge of a store for Nathaniel H. Osgood & Co., with which firm he remained one year. From the fall of 1833 to the spring of 1834, he was in the employ of Samuel Evans. On the 1st of April of the latter year, he engaged with Daniel Carr, and went immediately to Boston to purchase goods for his employer.

On the 14th of April, 1834, after his return from the trip to Boston, he commenced a diary, which he kept for a little over four years, the last entry being Nov. 30, 1838. He prefaces this diary with an account of his ancestry and a sketch of his life to that time. Very little is afterwards recorded of his business, and nothing concerning it after he had taken up his residence in Boston.

It seems from the diary, that in 1831 he began to have decided religious impressions, and on Sunday, Jan. 1, 1832, he joined the First Congregational church in Concord, the pastor of which was his life-long friend, the Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.

His diary shows that he early took a decided stand in the temperance and anti-slavery causes, which were then beginning to agitate the community. He remained with Mr. Carr but a few months, and on the 24th of July, 1834, he left Concord for Boston, where he soon found employment as a clerk.

For a year or two after his arrival in Boston, he was employed as a clerk, and during this time he gained a reputation for honesty and ability. Having accumulated a few thousand dollars, he became a partner in the house in which he had been clerk, the new firm being Bowker, Towne & Co. He was afterwards a member of the firms of Keegan, Towne & Waldo; Towne, Waldo & Co., and Towne, Hunt & Co. About the year 1852 he became connected with the firm of James M. Beebe & Co., where he held the position of confidential clerk and adjuster of losses till the year 1865.

On the 15th of June, 1842, he married Miss Nancy French Hill, daughter of Jeremiah Hill, a commission merchant in Boston. About the year 1846 he removed to Brookline, Mass. Here his wife died, May 3, 1858, at the age of forty.

He was chosen assessor of Brookline in 1863, and held the position five years. For a time he was a trial justice for that district.

On the 28th of March, 1866, having a respite from business, he sailed for Europe, and after making a tour of about four months in the land of his ancestors and on the continent, he returned to Boston in July of that year. On the 23d of April, 1867, he was married to Miss Jennie S. Putnam, daughter of Daniel Putnam, of Milford, and sister of the wife of the Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh. He then removed to the village of Milford, the estate which he purchased being about half a mile distant from the family homestead, where his parents then

resided, and where both his father and grandfather were born. He continued to reside in Milford till his death, which took place at the residence of his son, at Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass., April 10, 1876, at the age of sixty-five. He left a widow, who, during their nine years of wedded life, did much to lighten his cares and encourage him in his literary and other labors; and three sons, all members of the legal profession, namely, William Henry, Charles Edward, and Arthur French.

On the 15th of September, 1852, he became a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. In 1844 he had prepared an extensive genealogy of the name of Towne, to which he continued to add till his death.

From 1861 to 1871 he held the office of treasurer of this society. In January, 1875, he was elected vice-president for the state of New Hampshire. He was a director of the society from 1861, and a member of the publishing committee from 1865. In 1871, when he retired from the office of treasurer of the society, after ten years' service, during which he had discharged the duties of the office with great ability and fidelity, and without compensation, and had rendered other important services, he was invited by the society to sit for his portrait as a testimonial of its appreciation of what he had done for it. This portrait now hangs in the society's hall.

In 1864 Mr. Towne established the Towne Memorial Fund, by his own donations, which fund now amounts to over four thousand dollars. The income derived from this fund was to be expended in the publication of memoirs of deceased members of the society.

Besides the genealogy of the Towne family, he wrote a "History of the First Church in Amherst," which was printed, in 1874, in the volume containing the proceedings at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the Congregational meeting-house in Amherst. He made collections for a history of Milford. In 1872 Dartmouth College conferred on him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Mr. Towne was also an influential member of the New Hampshire Historical Society. He was also an active member of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society; and at the time of his death he held the office of vice-president for New Hampshire of the American Pomological Society.

In religion he was a Trinitarian Congregationalist, and, as before stated, united with the Rev. Dr. Bouton's church at Concord, on the first Sabbath in the year 1832. He was dismissed July 2, 1835, to the First Free Congregational church in Boston, then recently organized, of which the Rev. Charles Fitch was the first pastor. This church was of anti-slavery tendencies. It had a brief existence of less than a dozen years; and it is not known that Mr. Towne united subsequently with any church, though he was a regular attendant and communicant at the churches of his denomination in Brookline, Mass., and

Milford. It has been intimated that like many anti-slavery men in that day, he was not satisfied with the position of the churches in relation to slavery, on which question he took an early and decided stand, being its ardent and uncompromising opponent.

He took a deep interest in the cause of education. Several young men obtained from him the necessary funds to defray their expenses in college, he taking the risk of being repaid after their education was completed. He was always a warm supporter and advocate of the interests of the Milford Free Public Library, of which he was appointed a trustee in 1869. In 1870 he was chosen president of the board, and continued to hold this office till 1874, when, his term of office having expired, he declined being again appointed a trustee. He enriched the library with many valuable contributions, and gave a great deal of time to the promotion of its interests.

He represented Milford in the New Hampshire legislature for the years 1873 and 1874, and was an influential member of the house. On the 21st of August, 1871, he was chosen associate and trustee of the Milford Five Cents Savings Institution. He was elected president of the institution, Sept. 16, 1872, and held the office till his death.

He was chosen a director of the Souhegan National Bank of Milford, Jan. 9, 1872, and the same day was elected president, which office he held till his death. On the 20th of October, 1874, about three o'clock, masked robbers forced the cashier to open the vaults of the bank; and bonds and other securities to a large amount, the property of the bank and individuals, were carried off. Mr. Towne was then in New York. He was at once notified of what had happened, and returning to Milford, he immediately instituted vigorous proceedings to discover who the robbers were, and prevent the sale of the stolen securities. After months of tantalizing labor and perplexing anxiety, during which he displayed remarkable sagacity, coolness, and daring, he was able on the 4th of January, 1875, to return to Milford with all the securities except such as were negotiable by simple delivery, namely, the cash and government bonds, and a one-thousand-dollar bond which was subsequently recovered. But the strain on his nerves was too great for one who had been in feeble health for several years, and it was soon followed by nervous prostration, from which he suffered till his death.

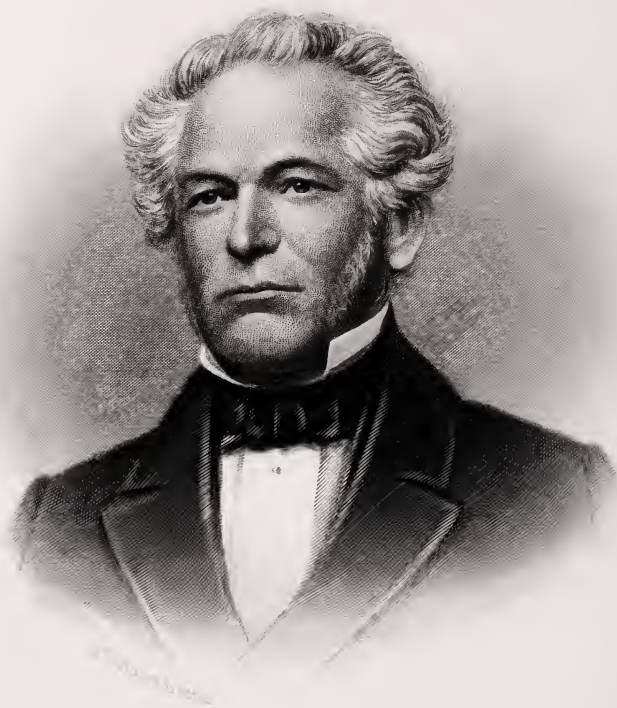
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#### DANIEL PUTNAM.

Daniel Putnam was born at Milford, Aug. 12, 1804. His father, Nathan Putnam, was born at Salem, Mass., March 18, 1773. He married Lucy Blanchard at Danvers, Mass., Oct. 27, 1793. They came immediately to Milford, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Daniel Putnam was descended from John Putnam and his wife, Priscilla, who came from England in 1634, bringing with them three sons: Thomas, then twenty-four years of age; Nathaniel, twenty years





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*Leonard Chase.*



of age; and John, twelve years of age. From John, the youngest son, Daniel was descended. In colonial days the Putnams took their places in Salem society as among the most worthy and intelligent citizens. All the records agree in ascribing to the Putnams from the first an uncommon amount of energy and force of character. They were thrifty, forehanded men, and were men of influence and considerable affluence. The home of the Putnams was in what is now called Danvers, formerly called Salem Village, where was the scene of the witchcraft delusion in 1692.

In 1828 Daniel Putnam went to Boston. In 1832 he married Elizabeth Hale of Newburyport, Mass. She was the daughter of Capt. Moses Hale of Boxford, Mass., and of Susan Tappan, his wife, of Newburyport, Mass. After his marriage, Daniel Putnam made Boston his home for three years, and his two eldest daughters were born there. Returning to Milford, he lived on the old Putnam farm until 1849, when he moved into the village.

For many years he was engaged in business with Leonard Chase. He also was one of the principal owners and originators of the Souhegan cotton mill, which was built in 1847, and destroyed by fire in 1872, and to him Milford largely owes her success as a manufacturing town. He was very enterprising, and took an active interest in town affairs. He was one of the early abolitionists, and represented the town in the legislature in 1841, 1847, and 1848. He also held various town offices.

He was a man of great cheerfulness of mind and strength of character, a generous and faithful friend, and of sterling integrity and worth. During the greater part of his life he had the misfortune of being very deaf, which, however, did not cloud his happy and amiable disposition.

Daniel Putnam died March 31, 1881. His wife, Elizabeth, survived him until May, 1891. She was a woman of great energy and strength of will, and a faithful helpmate. To them were born five children: a son, Daniel Hale, who died in infancy; and four daughters, Mary Elizabeth; Ann Maria, who married Bainbridge Wadleigh; Susan Jane, who married William B. Towne, and Sarah Helen, who married Arvin N. Gunnison.

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#### HON. LEONARD CHASE.

Leonard Chase was born in Milbury, Mass., Aug. 7, 1811, the third son in a family of five boys. His father was a farmer, and he worked on a farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he commenced fitting for college under Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., of Auburn, Mass. He afterwards attended Phillips Andover Academy, and entered Yale College with the class of 1830. His health failed during the sophomore year, when he left college and returned to Milbury. There he met his future wife, Mary Isabella Dickey of this town, who was attending school in Milbury. They were married in 1834, and remained in Mil-

bury for nearly two years, when they located in Milford, where four children were born to them, of whom two are now living: Mary Isabella, born March 30, 1835; Hannah L., born Jan. 29, 1837; Cornelia, born May 19, 1839, died Dec. 25, 1893; Frances E., born July 4, 1841, died Nov. 16, 1843. Mary I. is now the widow of the late Elbridge Wason. Mrs. Chase died Dec. 16, 1843. Mr. Chase afterwards married the widow of the late Dr. Richard Williams. Of this marriage there was one child, Frank W. Chase, born Dec. 8, 1845.

Mr. Chase's first venture in town was in the cabinet business with Dea. Robert Knight. Levi Putnam was afterwards connected in the same business. This business, in connection with several partners, he carried on some six or seven years. In 1843 or '44 he entered into partnership with Daniel Putnam under the firm name of Putnam & Chase. Subsequently Maj. Abel Chase, his brother, became a member of the firm. The enterprise of this firm, which was a powerful factor in the business of the town at a growing period in its history, has never been equaled by any man or association of men engaged in business in the town. Some account of the extensive business of various kinds carried on by this firm will be given upon a later page.

Mr. Chase from his boyhood had been a positive anti-slavery man, and had espoused the temperance cause before he had reached man's estate. To these two causes he gave the best service of his life. He became a Garrisonian abolitionist, and was a subscriber to the *Liberator* from 1835 until this paper was given up. He was ready to maintain the principles of total abstinence and the immediate emancipation of the slave when it was unpopular and almost dangerous to do so. The historian has it from his daughter, Hannah L. Chase, that soon after the rendition of Anthony Burns, one stormy night, word came to the house that the United States officers were on the track of a fugitive who was then harbored in the family. It was a time of intense anxiety to this household. Mr. Chase, thinking that the fugitive might be safer outside of the village, harnessed his horse and carried the man to Luther Melendy's farmhouse in Amherst. Mr. Chase's house was one of the stations on the underground railroad.

For many years after the Washingtonian movement had done its work, the sale of intoxicating liquors in town was limited, and the sales made were largely secretly done; but as the population of the village increased, many were easily found to engage in this business of liquor selling, at first cautiously, but afterwards openly and to an extent to bring reproach upon the town. The matter of suppressing the sale coming up in town-meeting, upon the motion of Mr. Chase and others, he was sarcastically nominated as town agent to stop the illegal sale of liquor. He at once accepted, on condition that his methods should not be questioned and that he should be upheld by the town in his efforts; to both of which the town agreed; and by the united efforts of the friends of total abstinence, the town was for a long time in large measure freed from the curse of liquor selling.

In his efforts in behalf of the anti-slavery and temperance causes, he several times narrowly escaped personal violence. He was, from the organization of the order, identified with the Sons of Temperance, and was for several years worthy patriarch of the state.

He represented the town in the legislature in the year 1850 and '51; was a member of the state senate two years, and a member of the constitutional convention in 1852. During the war, he was a member of the governor's council, and was twice sent to Washington on important business connected with the interests of our New Hampshire soldiers. In order to enable him more effectually to perform this service, he received from the governor of our state a commission as colonel. Upon his last visit to the capitol, he took a severe cold on his way by giving his traveling rug to a woman with a baby, when they were detained several hours by an accident, and without fire in the car. Though very ill, he kept on to Washington, and was there kindly cared for by the Masonic order, of which he was a member. He completed his business at Washington, performing it with death staring him in the face. He never fully recovered from the effects of this journey, although his death did not occur until June 7, 1867.

Mr. Chase was a gentleman of the old school, courteous to all and respected by all, especially those who were sufficiently fortunate to have an intimate personal acquaintance.

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#### PUTNAM & CHASE.

It was a fortunate thing for the town that the men making this firm in 1843 or '44 came together in a business way, and that, later, Major Abel Chase became a member of the firm. While the members had many things in common, in many respects they had different characteristics; but this made the firm all the stronger, as one was in some respects the complement of the other. They were agreed, at least, in three respects: In devotion to the anti-slavery cause, in devotion to the temperance cause, and in a desire to engage in such enterprises as would advance the material interests of the town. The historian is embarrassed in his effort to set forth the several business enterprises in which this firm was engaged; in fact, he would keep very near the truth should he say that they were connected with almost everything tending to promote the material interests of the town from the time the partnership was formed until it ended.

One of the early enterprises in which they were engaged was the building of an iron foundry plant where the Bartlett hosiery building now stands. Mr. Putnam had for a partner first Daniel Cram; afterwards the foundry business was carried on by Putnam & Chase. In 1846 they built the stone dam across the Souhegan river, which has for so many years furnished power for the numerous successive industries which have been located in connection with it. They were



active promoters and large stockholders in the Souhegan Manufacturing Company, which for many years was in active operation, with a large pay-roll, contributing a large amount of ready money to the citizens of the village and town. The Milford Plow Company, not only manufacturing plows, but other agricultural implements, and handling and keeping for sale a large line of goods in this direction needed by the surrounding farmers, was largely an enterprise of this firm. During most of the time of the existence of the firm a store for the sale of miscellaneous merchandise was maintained, and the dealings of the concern in lumber and cooperage were extensive. They also were connected with George W. Burns, a most enterprising citizen of the town, in the purchase of land, and the building of dwelling-houses especially to accommodate workmen connected with some of their many industries. Mr. Chase built his house upon the hill in 1843-'44. It was the first house on the hill. Mr. Putnam built in 1848-'49, connecting his house with the one previously built in the southeast part of the village. Both are now owned by representatives of their respective families.

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#### JOHN RAMSDELL.

John Ramsdell, son of Capt. William Ramsdell, Sr., a large portion of whose life was spent in Milford, was born in Salem, Mass., Dec. 30, 1809, and came to Milford, with his father's family, in 1815. He received his early education in the common schools of the town, with one year's study in a private school at Nashua.

Following the family precedent, he went to sea, serving two years before the mast, and two years or more as third mate and supercargo. He made one voyage to South America, another to the Mediterranean, and another to Sumatra, including a voyage within a voyage to Antwerp. He was married, Dec. 29, 1829, to Taska Theresa Moore, youngest daughter of Rev. Humphrey Moore. Closing his seafaring life at an early age, which was not without adventures, including a shipwreck off Cape Cod, in which the vessel was lost, but the crew saved, he decided upon farming as his life-work. For a short time he had an interest in his father's farm, with his brother William, afterwards owning and occupying a farm in Lyndeborough, and still later the farm next below the Tucker place, and for a time known as the May or Rossiter farm.

In 1838, in company with his brother Charles and his brother-in-law, Euclid Moore, he started the tanning business in a building erected by Humphrey Moore upon a portion of his farm. This was the original plant, which, with subsequent additions, is now known as the "Foster tannery." His brother-in-law remained in business but a short time; his brother Charles for some two years, and he was alone in the business for some six or seven years. During the latter



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John Ramsdell



portion of the time he occupied the tannery building, he carried on the business of cutting shingles by machinery, as an addition to his principal business.

In 1848, the Wilton railroad having been completed as far as Danforth's Corner, in Amherst, he was appointed station agent at that place, where he remained two years. Upon the completion of the road to Milford he was assigned to that station, where he remained until his removal to Iowa in 1852. He was a faithful and conscientious agent of the road, and was held in the highest estimation by all its patrons.

Mr. Ramsdell was one of the strong men brought up in Milford. He was a modest man, never seeking office, and disinclined to take an active part in public discussions. On the other hand, he excelled as a writer, both in prose and poetry. Before the organization of the Milford lyceum, he had displayed considerable ability as a writer in poetic productions. This association did for him what it did for many others, it called out his best powers as a writer of prose and verse. He was one of the original abolitionists, believing it to be his duty to write, talk, and work for the immediate abolition of slavery.

The demand of the South that all the Northern states should join in the rendition of fugitive slaves, brought out from him the following, originally prepared for the Milford lyceum, which had a wide circulation, appearing in the public prints of almost every Northern state:

Oh, kindle not that bigot fire,  
'T will bring disunion, fear, and pain;  
'T will rouse at last the Southern ire,  
And burst our starry band in twain.

Theirs is the high, the noble heart,  
The very soul of chivalry;  
Rend not our glorious land apart,  
For such a thing as slavery.

This is the language of the North,  
'T is shame to say it, but 't is true;  
For anti-slavery calls it forth  
From some proud priests and laymen, too.

What! bend, forsooth, to Southern rule?  
What! cringe and crawl to Southern clay?  
And be the base, the supple tool  
Of hell-begotten slavery?

No, never, while the free air plays  
O'er our rude hills and sunny fountains,  
Shall proud New Hampshire's sons be slaves  
And clang their fetters round her mountains.

Go, if ye will, and grind in dust,  
Dark Afric's poor, degraded child;  
Wring from his sinews gold accurs'd,  
And boast your gospel warm and mild;

While on our mountain tops, the pines  
In freedom their green branches wave,  
Her sons shall never help to bind,  
The galling shackles of the slave.

Too long we've borne your taunts and jeers,  
Your noble blood and chivalry;  
Too long we've seen the bondman's tears  
Fall in your haunts of revelry.

You now demand, with haughty tone,  
For us to pander to your shame;  
To give our brother up, alone  
To feel the lash and bear the chain.

Our brother never shall go back,  
When once he presses our free shore;  
Though Southern power, with hell to back,  
Comes thundering at our Northern door.

No, rather be our starry band  
Into a thousand fragments riven,  
Upon our own free hills we'll stand  
And pour upon the breeze of heaven,  
A curse so loud, so strong and deep,  
'T will rouse you from your guilty sleep.

He probably did as much as any of his neighbors to bring about the anti-slavery sentiment and the demand for emancipation which had such a hold upon the people of the town at the time he left New Hampshire for Iowa.

When a little more than forty years old, with his entire family, save his third son, Theodore G. (his sons John M. and Charles E. having preceded him), he took up his residence in Tama county, Iowa, where he ranked as one of the pioneer settlers of that county, and where he now (1899) lives in an honored old age, surrounded by seven children, namely: John M., Charles E., Francis H., Henry E., Maria T., Edward E., and Frederick B., all born in New Hampshire, and all respected citizens of Tama county. For a time after he became a citizen of Iowa his business was exclusively farming; he afterwards was connected with several business enterprises. He was at one time supervisor of Tama county, and also was county superintendent of schools, and afterwards the mayor of Tama City. His wife deceased April 14, 1864. He married the second time Mrs. Sarah (Dascomb) Stearns, of Wilton, N. H. One daughter, Mary Ramsdell, resides with her parents.

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#### DANIEL RUSSELL.

Daniel Russell, a native of Wilton, was born May 12, 1795, and died in Milford, Sept. 9, 1873.

For several years in the early part of his life Mr. Russell was em-



played as a teacher of district and private schools, and became widely known as an instructor of youth.

He taught select schools in Milford several years before his marriage, Sept. 1, 1830, to Mary Ramsdell, daughter of Capt. William Ramsdell, Sr. She was born in Salem, Mass., April 1, 1805, and came with her father's family to Milford in 1815. She was a woman of remarkable personal appearance and culture, and was a helpmeet in whom her husband could confide. She deceased Oct. 13, 1891.

For some twenty years prior to 1849, when he was appointed postmaster of Milford, he was engaged as a trader, dealing in English and West India goods after the manner of the country trade at the time. His store was for a time in what is now known as Whittemore's block, north of the granite bridge, and afterwards in a building which he erected on Elm street near the river, and which subsequently was made into a dwelling house. Mr. Russell served the town as postmaster four years, was a member of the legislature in 1848 and 1849, town clerk for fifteen years, and in other less important offices. He performed the duties of these positions in a faithful and conscientious manner.

In 1855 and 1856 he was elected register of deeds for Hillsborough county, and filled the position to the satisfaction of all who had occasion to do business with the office. In early manhood he became a Mason, and through his protracted life maintained the deepest interest in the order.

He was first a Whig and afterwards a Republican in politics, a Unitarian in creed, an honest man in all the relations of life, and died universally lamented.

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#### SAMUEL G. DEARBORN.

Samuel Gerrish Dearborn, physician, Nashua, was born at Northfield, Aug. 10, 1827, son of Edmund and Sarah (Gerrish) Dearborn. He is descended from Godfrey Dearborn, who came from Exeter, England, in 1638, and settled in Exeter. His maternal ancestor, Stephen Gerrish, came from Bristol, England, and settled in this country at about the same time. He was educated at the Sanborn-ton (New Hampshire) Academy and at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary. He was graduated from the Dartmouth Medical School in November, 1849, and attended lectures at the University of New York and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. When a boy he worked on a farm and afterwards taught school. After a few months' practice in East Tilton, he opened an office in Mont Vernon in February, 1850, removed to Milford in 1853, and in 1873 went to Nashua, where he has remained ever since. He was a member of the state legislature of 1867-'68. He was surgeon of the Eighth New Hampshire Volunteers until October, 1863, and of

the Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteers from 1864 to the close of the war; pension surgeon three years, appointed by the president. General Butler appointed him in 1862 to examine the condition of the hospitals on the Mississippi river below New Orleans and Lake Lapon; to be present at the battles at Baton Rouge in the spring of 1862, all of which he attended and reported to him. In 1864, he served three months in the army before Richmond, Virginia. He belongs to the order of the Loyal Legion, is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, and of the Masonic lodge at Milford. In politics, he was a Democrat up to the time of the war; he has been a Republican ever since. On December 5, 1854, Dr. Dearborn married Henrietta M. Starrett (now deceased). By this marriage they had two children, Drs. Frank A. and Samuel S., both residents of Nashua.

Dr. Samuel G. Dearborn from the time he commenced active practice as a physician and surgeon, has ranked among the most skilful and successful men of his profession in the state. At the present time (1899) he is allowing himself some rest after nearly fifty years of severe professional labor.

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#### FREDERICK T. SAWYER.

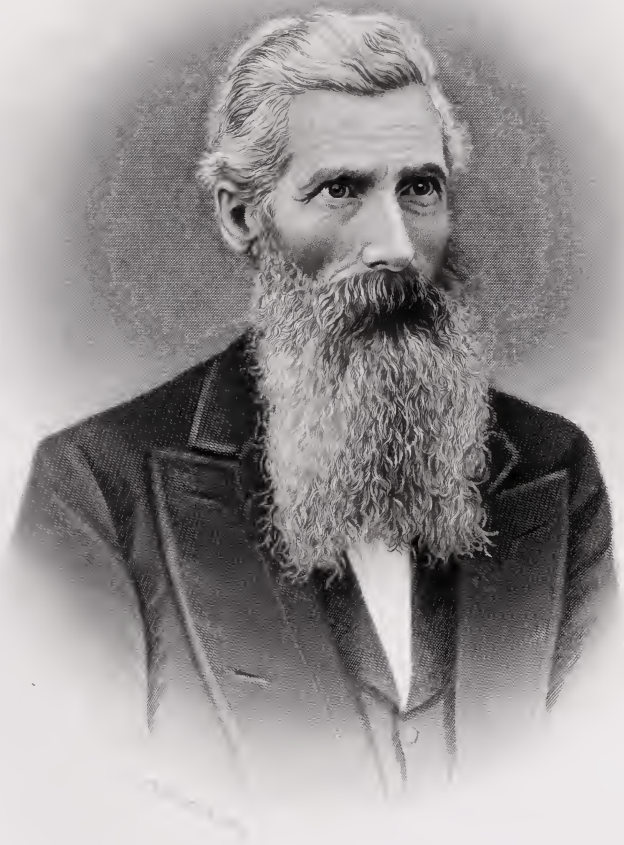
Frederick T. Sawyer was born May 13, 1819, in Bradford. The family is supposed to be of German origin. His father, Jabez Sawyer, was born in Salem, Mass., married Miss Hannah Emerson of Newbury, Mass., and settled in Bradford, where both he and his wife, the mother of Frederick, spent their remaining years.

Frederick T. Sawyer grew to man's estate in his native town, where he started in life on his own account as a clerk in a general store. In 1840 he went to Nashua, being there engaged in a similar capacity for a number of years. Subsequently forming a co-partnership with a Mr. Roby, under the style of Roby & Sawyer, he established himself in business in Chelmsford, Mass., as a manufacturer of scythes.

In 1854 Mr. Sawyer came to Milford, and was there employed for two years in the capacity of station agent on the Nashua & Lowell Railroad. Then, in company with the late William R. Wallace, he opened a store for the sale of general merchandise, where they had a thriving business for some years under the firm name of Wallace & Sawyer. On the dissolution of this firm Mr. Sawyer was appointed cashier of the Souhegan National bank, an office which he filled to the time of his death with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the bank officials. He was also a director of the bank for a long time.

He was treasurer of the town from 1872 until the time of his death, an office for which he proved himself well fitted.

In politics he was an advocate of the principles of the Republican



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party, and in 1864 and 1865 he represented Milford in the state legislature. For many years he was a notary public.

In December, 1859, Mr. Sawyer married Miss Sarah Lovejoy of Amherst. Their children are Bertha C., who is the wife of Prof. D. S. Blanpied, a widely known teacher of music; Frederick W., cashier of the Souhegan National bank; Chester A., a resident of Milford; and Gertrude, who is a kindergarten teacher in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Sawyer was a resident of Milford for nearly forty-five years, and no other citizen of the town at the time of his decease, July 14, 1898, had a larger personal acquaintance, or was more universally trusted than the subject of this sketch.

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#### WILLIAM W. HOWARD.

William W. Howard was born Oct. 18, 1826, in Lyndeborough, son of Samuel Howard. The Howard family are of English extraction. According to tradition, it was first represented in this country by three brothers of that name, who came from old England to New England at an early date, locating in Massachusetts. From one of these brothers, Silas Howard, the founder of the family in Hillsborough county, was descended. Silas Howard was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. After its close he removed from his home in the town of Westford, Mass., to that part of Lyndeborough now included within the limits of Milford, and where his son Samuel was born.

Samuel Howard inherited the patriotic spirit of his ancestors. As a soldier in the War of 1812 he participated in six of the more important battles and in several slight skirmishes. He was a farmer by occupation, owning and managing the homestead now occupied by his son, William W. He married Sally Ames of this town, who had six children by him, namely, William W., the subject of this sketch, Albert L., also of Milford, Sarah A., who died in 1866, Maria T., of Milford, Frances, the widow of the late Levi Holt of this place, and Samuel A., of Boston, Mass. The father died in 1861 and the mother in 1867. Both were members of the Congregational church.

After attending first the common schools of Lyndeborough for a time, William W. Howard became a student at the Francestown academy. Upon leaving the academy, he taught school for a brief period. Since that time, with the exception of three years spent in Boston as an employé in the patent leather factory of his uncle, R. W. Ames, he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Before the homestead farm on which he resides ceased to be a part of Lyndeborough, Mr. Howard served that town as selectman for five years. Since it became a part of Milford, in the sixties, he has represented this place in the state legislature. He was a member of



the state constitutional convention of 1880. On this farm, which contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of good land, he carries on general farming, paying especial attention to the culture of fruit. He has also devoted a portion of his time to lumbering, meeting with a good degree of success in each branch of industry. In politics he and his sons are Republicans. Mr. Howard is a member of Granite grange, No. 7, of Milford, which he has served as master, and he has also been master of Hillsborough County Pomona grange, No. 1, for a year. He is a consistent member of the Congregational church.

In 1850 Mr. Howard married Mary A. Crosby, daughter of Rufus and Ann Crosby, late of Milford. Of this union three children have been born, namely, Mary E., who died in 1851, Alonzo W., and William Rufus. The youngest son, who assists in the care of the home farm, is engaged to a considerable extent in lumbering. He is now a representative to the state legislature, a member of Granite grange, of which he has been master, and he belongs to the Custos Morum lodge, I. O. O. F., of Milford.

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#### CALVIN MERRILL.

Calvin Merrill, a representative of the third generation of the Merrills in this town, was born on the Merrill homestead, Jan. 13, 1827, son of Asa and Fannie (Steele) Merrill. The family is of English origin, and still keeps the hereditary coat of arms. Nathan Merrill, the grandfather of Calvin Merrill, was one of the early settlers of Milford, coming here from Bedford, Mass. In 1787 he purchased what is now known as the Merrill homestead, and built there a log cabin. In the following February he made the place his permanent residence. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, enlisting when a mere youth but filled with patriotism, and was one of the guards detailed for duty at the execution of Major André. He was an old school Democrat and a strong anti-slavery man. His death occurred in 1846. The maiden name of his wife, who came from Bedford, Mass., was Susan Bacon. She was a daughter of Elizabeth Lane Bacon, who, born in London, England, came to Bedford and married a member of the famous Bacon family that named Bedford after the old city of that name in England.

Asa Merrill, born in Milford, Jan. 17, 1794, was a farmer and a lifelong resident of the town. He was the first male child born in Milford after its incorporation. At the Merrill homestead he received his friends with the hospitality of a gentleman of the old school. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He was also a Free-soiler. A constant reader, he kept himself informed of current events. He married Fannie Steele, a native of Stoneham, Mass., and a member of the Baptist church. Her father, James



*Calvin Merrill*



Steele, was an officer in the Continental army, and took part in the battle of Lexington.

Calvin Merrill, the subject of this sketch, resided on the homestead farm until twenty years of age, when he began life for himself. In his twenty-first year he went to Brookline, where he learned the cooper's trade. After working at this for a short time he spent three years in Roxbury and Woburn, employed in the manufacture of patent leather, and then, compelled by illness, he returned to his native town. Upon first coming back, he resided on the old home farm, and did some coopering there. Subsequently he removed to Milford village, and was for a time engaged in lumbering, coopering, and farming. In 1872 he started a coal business, which he managed successfully until 1890, when his sons succeeded him under the name of Merrill Brothers. In connection with his coal business Mr. Merrill carried on considerable trade in ice and grain. These departments are still included in the business of the Merrill Brothers, whose grain elevator is near their business office. In politics Mr. Merrill was a Republican. Both he and his wife united with the Baptist church.

On May 26, 1857, Mr. Merrill was married to Lizzie M. Wheeler of Amherst. Her parents, both now deceased, were Daniel Wheeler, a native of Amherst, and Martha G. (Aiken) Wheeler of Deering. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are John C., Hattie E., Arthur W., and Walter B. Hattie is now the wife of Walter H. Ware of Milford. Mr. Merrill died July 23, 1898.

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#### REV. LEONARD JARVIS LIVERMORE.

Leonard J. Livermore, the son of Solomon K. and Abigail Atkins (Jarvis) Livermore, was born in Milford, Dec. 8, 1822. He was fortunate in everything pertaining to his birth and childhood. His grandfather was Rev. Jonathan Livermore, the first and for many years the only minister of Wilton; a preacher of righteousness, whose name is still a household word in a town which has produced many strong and good men. The precepts and example of his father and mother inspired his youthful mind with high ideals of life.

In a family of eight children there were three daughters who lived to reach mature years; two were older than the subject of this sketch, Elizabeth Abigail, now living in Milford, and Rebecca Parkman Jarvis, afterwards Mrs. Manning; and one younger, Mary, afterwards Mrs. Fish, all of unusual culture and force of character. One of these sisters was four years his senior, another two, and the third was three years his junior.

It is not strange that with such antecedents and surroundings he entered the ministry. He attended the common schools, and in the Milford Academy was fitted for college by Mr. James Richardson,

M. A., a graduate of Harvard. At the age of sixteen he entered Harvard College, graduating in July, 1842. In September following he entered the Cambridge Divinity School to study for the Unitarian ministry, and graduated in 1845. March 27, 1847, he was ordained minister of the First Unitarian church and society of East Boston, a new organization. In 1851 he left East Boston to take charge of another new society at Clinton, Mass. Here he preached for four years, a part of the time editing the *Clinton Courant*, making it an interesting weekly paper for the townspeople. In 1855 he was called to be minister of the First Congregational society of Lexington, Mass., founded in 1696, remaining its minister for ten years. Here he had the principal oversight of the schools, as was then the general custom in New England towns. After a short rest in 1865 he was called to the Unitarian Congregational society of Danvers, Mass. This was a new organization, and he remained its pastor until the close of his life, May 30, 1886.

Mr. Livermore was endowed with good mental ability, enriched by a full course of study and fortunate social surroundings. He possessed a well rounded-out character. There were no noticeable deficiencies. He was a good preacher, and was beloved in all the parishes to which he ministered. He labored hard to induce others to rise to the same moral standard which he set for himself, and met with more than ordinary success.

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#### COL. THOMAS L. LIVERMORE.

Thomas Leonard Livermore, son of Thomas Atkins Livermore and Harriet E. Smith of Dubuque county, Iowa, was born in Galena, Ill., Feb. 7, 1844.

In 1849 he went with his parents overland to California, and lived there until 1854. He was in the public schools of Milford, 1854-'59; Appleton Academy, Mont Vernon, 1859-'60; Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., 1860-'61.

He enlisted as private in the First New Hampshire Volunteers at Poolsville, Md., June 24, 1861, and served in Company F till the regiment was mustered out at Concord, Aug. 9, 1861. He enlisted at Milford, Sept. 14, 1861, under John M. Stanyan, and entered the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers at Concord, and was made first sergeant of Company K, Oct. 12, 1861. He served in that regiment, in Second Army Corps (Sumner's and Hancock's), Army of the Potomac, until July 1, 1863; as first sergeant in McClellan's campaigns to the Rappahannock, and on the Peninsula, and in the sieges of Yorktown and Richmond, and the battle of Fair Oaks, to June 11, 1862; then as second lieutenant, Company K, in the Peninsula, Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburg campaigns, and the battles of Peach Orchard, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill (here wounded), and Antietam, and as





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acting quartermaster of the regiment at the battle of Fredericksburg, to Dec. 14, 1862; then as first lieutenant of Company K, to March 3, 1863, and then as captain of Company E in the Chancellorsville and Gettysburg campaigns and the battles of Chancellorsville and Brandy Station.

July 1, 1863, he was detailed as chief of the ambulance corps of the Second Army Corps, and as such served on the staffs of General Hancock at Gettysburg, and of his successors, Generals William Hayes and Warren, in the campaign to the Rapidan and the battles of Auburn, Bristow Station, and Mine Run. Dec. 13, 1863, he resumed command of Company E, Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers, at Point Lookout, Md.; April 22, 1864, was detailed to the staff of Gen. E. W. Hincks, commanding third division, Eighteenth Army Corps (Army of the James), as acting aide-de-camp and acting assistant quartermaster, and served in those capacities until June 1, and afterwards in the former capacity in the campaign against Petersburg and the battles of Baylor's Farm and Petersburg, June 16 and 17; June 29, was appointed acting aide-de-camp and assistant inspector-general on the staff of Gen. W. F. Smith, commanding Eighteenth Army Corps, and as such until Aug. 30, and later in the latter capacity, on the staffs of his successors, Generals Martindale and Ord, served in the siege of Petersburg and the battle of the Mine; Sept. 3, 1864, was detailed as assistant to the inspector-general of the Second Army Corps, and as such served on General Hancock's staff in front of Petersburg and at the battle of Boydton Plank Road, October, 1864, and on General Humphrey's staff in front of Petersburg, and in the Appomattox campaign, participating in the battles of Hatchers' Run, February, 1865; Petersburg, March 25; Hatchers' Run, March 30; Boydton Plank Road, March 31; Petersburg, April 2; Amelia Springs, Deatonville, Jetersville, and Sailors' Creek, April 6; and High Bridge and Farmville, April 7, 1865. He was commissioned, Oct. 28, and mustered, Nov. 18, 1864, as major of the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers; was commissioned, Jan. 17, 1865, colonel Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, but, on account of the strength of the regiment not equaling the requirements of the war department, was not mustered until April 8, 1865. He served in command of this regiment and of the Third brigade, First division, Ninth Army Corps, until mustered out June 23, 1865. He was commissioned by the president brevet lieutenant-colonel and brevet colonel to date from April 7, 1865, "for highly valuable and meritorious services."

He was colonel and inspector-general of the brigade of New Hampshire militia, 1867-'68. He was commander of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for Massachusetts in 1881 and 1882. He was a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of Boston, 1888-'93, and chairman of the board, 1890-'93, and member of the Metropolitan Park Commission of Massachusetts in 1898.

He studied law with Bainbridge Wadleigh in Milford, 1865-'68, and was admitted to the Hillsborough bar in January, 1868; practised in partnership with Bainbridge Wadleigh in Milford until June, 1868, and then in Boston until 1879. He was manager of the works and land and water power of Amoskeag Manufacturing Company at Manchester, employing from 5,000 to 6,000 hands 1879-'85. He practised law in partnership with Frederick P. Fish, and later with him and William K. Richardson in Boston, June, 1885, to November, 1889, when he was made vice-president of Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., and as such has managed its commercial and financial affairs. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

June 1, 1869, he married Sarah Ellen (deceased in 1879), niece and adopted daughter of George Daniels. Children: Thomas L., Jr. (Harvard University), born March 26, 1871; Grace Daniels, born May 30, 1873; Robert (Harvard University), born Sept. 11, 1876; Harris (Harvard University), born March 7, 1879, served as a private in 1st U. S. Volunteers in the Spanish War, 1898.

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#### JOHN E. BRUCE.

John E. Bruce is a native of Mont Vernon, where he was born Nov. 4, 1817. He is a son of John and Dolly (Durant) Bruce, the former a native of Mont Vernon, and the latter of Dracut, Mass. The founder of the family came from Scotland, where the name, since the days of Robert Bruce, has been inseparably associated with self-sacrificing patriotism. Mr. Bruce is a grandson of the first minister who settled in Mont Vernon, the Rev. John Bruce of the Congregational denomination. The father of Mr. Bruce was a farmer and for many years a justice of the peace in Mont Vernon. He also served as treasurer of Hillsborough county, throughout which he had an extended acquaintance. His death occurred in 1872.

Mr. Bruce was brought up in his native place. He received the ordinary education afforded by the common school, supplemented by a term at Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., and a short course at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich. For a brief time afterward he was engaged in teaching school. When twenty-three years of age he turned his attention to mercantile life, taking charge of a general store in Mont Vernon and conducting it for about five years. In 1848 he came to Milford and kept a similar store for a number of years. He subsequently formed a partnership with H. M. Tyler, under the name of Bruce & Tyler; they carried on the business until 1862, when they separated. October 1, 1896, Mr. Bruce, who had continued in business at the same stand, sold out and has not since been in business. He was town clerk four years; deputy sheriff for several years; for nine years, selectman, serving for much



*J. E. Bruce.*





of the time in the capacity of chairman of the board. He served the town as representative in the legislature in 1856-'57. He is identified with both the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

Mr. Bruce married Sarah J. Whittemore, of Mont Vernon, and has five children. These are, Charles E., president of the Seamless Hosiery Company of Rochester, N. Y.; Josephine E., a teacher in the high school at Medford, Mass.; Ella A., the wife of N. W. Robinson, of Milford; Emily F., the wife of Judge W. H. Sanborn of the United States circuit court of St. Paul, Minn.; and Sarah W., the wife of E. A. MacCrillis, of Milford. A man of unquestioned integrity and sound judgment, Mr. Bruce has often been of service to his townsmen.

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#### DEXTER S. BURNHAM.

Dexter S. Burnham, son of Deacon Francis and Mary (Fletcher) Burnham, was born in Greenfield, Nov. 18, 1819, where his early life was passed. His education was obtained in the district school of his native town, and New Ipswich Academy. He engaged in teaching for several years after leaving school.

Coming to Milford in 1844, he first engaged in business with the late Leonard Chase, with whom he kept a general country store in the brick building now occupied by John McLane. In 1847 he accepted the position of clerk and paymaster for the Souhegan Manufacturing Company, which position he held for nine years. Subsequently, and for a short time, he was in business with Matthias F. Crosby as successors of the firm of F. & F. Crosby. For thirteen years he traveled through New England as commercial salesman for New York firms, when this method of selling goods was in its infancy. Closing his business as a commercial traveler he opened a drug and hardware store in Milford, under Eagle hall, which he conducted successfully for nearly twenty years, and until compelled by ill health to retire in 1889.

Mr. Burnham was a man of scholarly tastes and for several years was a trustee of the public library, and a member of the board of education, a part of the time its chairman. He was elected a trustee and auditor of the Milford Savings Bank in 1872, promoted to president in 1876, which office he held until August, 1892, a few months before his decease. From the time he came to Milford he was an active, interested, and consistent member of the Congregational church; for many years superintendent of the Sunday-school and for nineteen years clerk of the church. After four years of gradually failing health he died Dec. 12, 1892.

In June, 1848, Mr. Burnham was united in marriage to Harriet M., eldest daughter of Deacon Freeman and Harriet Crosby. Three daughters were born to them, Mary Frances, who died in infancy, Sarah F., now the wife of George B. French of Nashua, one of the

leading lawyers in the state, and Harriet F., who resides with her mother. Elizabeth F. Burnham, a niece, was early given a daughter's place in the home. She became the wife of H. S. Packard and died in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1889. Deacon Freeman Crosby, the father of Mrs. Burnham, has been spoken of in connection with a sketch of Capt. Josiah Crosby and his descendants. His wife, the mother of his children, was the daughter of Joseph Crosby, and a woman of unusual strength of character.

Mr. Burnham spent his life, after he had fitted himself to enter upon its active duties, in Milford. Although not born in town the town is better for his having lived so long in it. Possessed of good mental powers and a good practical education, he subordinated everything to right thinking and right doing. He was uniformly found upon the right side of every moral question.

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#### WILLIAM H. W. HINDS, M. D.

William H. W. Hinds, a prominent and well-known physician and surgeon, was born Aug. 1, 1833, at Chichester, coming of substantial Irish and English stock. His father, Barzillai Hinds, descended from a family that came from Ireland to America, and were afterwards active participants in the struggle of the colonies for independence. Capt. Jacob Hinds, one of his kinsmen, fought at the battle of Bunker Hill, being an officer in the regiment commanded by Gen. John Stark. Barzillai Hinds married Selura Aldrich, a native of Bow.

When William H. W. Hinds was ten years of age his parents removed to Boston. Here he attended the Otis school and later the English High school, graduating from the latter in 1850. He afterwards studied for a year at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary in Northfield. Then he began the study of medicine with Dr. O. S. Sanders of Boston, with whom he remained two and a half years. During this time he had taught school in the winter seasons, earning enough money in this way to pay his college expenses. After taking one course of lectures at the Dartmouth Medical College, he entered the Harvard Medical College, from which he received his degree with the class of 1861. He spent four years as clerk and medical assistant at the state almshouse in Tewksbury, Mass.

In June, 1861, just after his graduation, Dr. Hinds was appointed by the late Governor Andrew assistant surgeon of the Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Amory. Two years later he was promoted to the post of surgeon of the Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, known as the Webster regiment, having been first commanded by Col. Fletcher Webster. He remained with this regiment, efficiently performing his duties, until it was mustered out of service, July 9, 1864. In the following January, Dr.

Hinds located in Milford, where he built up a large and successful practice, and won a position of influence and honor among his fellow-townsmen. In 1875 and 1876 he was a representative to the state legislature, and ten years later he represented the sixteenth senatorial district in the same body. In politics the doctor was a staunch Republican. He took an active interest in educational matters, having been for several terms a member of the school board and one of the trustees of the Milford free library. He likewise served as chairman of the board of health for several seasons. For a number of years he was president of the Milford Savings bank, and of its board of trustees.

Dr. Hinds was a member of the New Hampshire Homœopathic Medical Society, and senior member of the American Institute of Homœopathy, to which he belonged more than a quarter of a century. In Masonry he took all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, and held all offices of the local lodge and chapter and commandery; he was grand high priest of New Hampshire for two years. He also belonged to the Knights of Honor and the Order of the Golden Cross; to Oliver W. Lull Post, No. 11, G. A. R., of Milford; and to the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, being a member of the Boston commandery of the same. He was a faithful and active member of the Unitarian church. As chairman of the church building committee he gave efficient aid in the erection of the edifice now used as a place of worship by that denomination in Milford.

Dr. Hinds was twice married. His first wife, in maidenhood Harriet M. Twiss, was born in Antrim. She died Feb. 7, 1871, leaving two sons, Edwin H. and Dr. W. H. W. Hinds, Jr. The latter is a practising physician in Milford. The doctor's second marriage was made Aug. 17, 1880, with Mrs. Annie M. Price Twiss of Plattsburgh, N. Y., who died Jan. 12, 1890. Dr. Hinds at the time of his decease, July 29, 1897, was a member of the town committee to prepare a history.

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#### LUTHER M. BURNS.

Luther M. Burns was born Jan. 28, 1827, son of Capt. Peter and Sally J. (Duncklee) Burns. The first of his ancestors to locate in America was John Burns, who came to Milford among the first settlers, bringing with him his family. His son John, who was the next in line of descent, had a son John, who was a lifelong resident of Milford, and the grandfather of Luther M.

Capt. Peter Burns, the father of Luther M., was born, lived, and died in Milford. In the War of 1812 he commanded a company of light artillery. He was an industrious, hard-working man, acquiring a goodly amount of this world's goods, having been engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, and also during the later years

of his life was employed in granite quarrying. He lived to the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, passing away at the old homestead, Oct. 18, 1865. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Sally J. Duncklee, several children were born, the following of whom survive their parents: Mary A., the wife of James Burns of Milford; Alvira, the wife of John Towne of Milford; Luther M., the subject of this sketch; and John M., of whom an account will be found elsewhere in this work.

Luther M. Burns inherited from his ancestors the habits of thrift and industry characteristic of the Scotch race. After leaving the district schools of his native town he began in earnest the battle of life. He labored with persistent energy on the homestead farm, and as he accumulated money invested it in land, being now the owner of three hundred acres, lying mostly in Milford. Until 1874 Mr. Burns was actively engaged in general farming. At that time he removed to his present home in the village, and has since dealt in real estate to some extent. He served five years as selectman, having been chairman of the board for one year. In politics he is an unswerving Republican, sustaining the principles of that party by voice and vote.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage April 15, 1852, with Miss Sarah J. Wyatt, who was born in Amherst. Her parents, Foster and Mary (Gregg) Wyatt, were natives, respectively, of Amherst and New Boston. Mr. Wyatt was a prominent resident of his native town, which he served for a number of years in the capacity of selectman. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have one child, Fred L., a civil engineer, who is at present in New York city.

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#### JOHN M. BURNS.

John M. Burns was born May 17, 1829, on the old Burns homestead, where he now resides, son of the late Captain Peter and Sally (Duncklee) Burns. The Burns family from which he springs was prominent for many years in Scotland, and was distinguished by a coat of arms. A more extended account of this family will be found in the biography of Luther M. Burns.

Mr. Burns was reared to man's estate on the home farm, receiving his education in the district school. Then he learned the trade of millwright, which he afterwards followed for many years in New England. In 1861 he went to Pittsburgh, Pa., and was there identified with a company engaged in the manufacture of flax machinery. In Pittsburgh he invented and manufactured a machine, said to be the first of its kind for spinning flax tow. Returning to Milford, Mr. Burns was employed for a time as a builder and contractor. In 1871 he went to Boston, Mass., where he was subsequently employed for several years in the construction department of the Boston & Lowell



Railroad, superintending in that period the erection of the company's large passenger station. From Boston Mr. Burns went to Manchester, having accepted the position of superintendent of the construction department of the Amoskeag mills. Since his retirement from mechanical occupations some time ago, he has made his home in Milford, living on the old homestead of which John Burns, his ancestor some five generations removed, was the original owner. This property contains sixty-five acres of land. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage, April 15, 1852, with Miss Adaline F. Wyatt. She is a daughter of Foster and Mary (Gregg) Wyatt, and a sister of the wife of Luther M. Burns, his brother, whose marriage took place at the same time. Samuel Wyatt, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Burns, was lieutenant of a company in the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have but one child, Willis L., who resides with his parents on the home farm, assisting in its management. Mr. Willis L. Burns has represented the town in the state legislature. He married Miss Amanda M. McDougal, and has three children, Margie I., Daisy M., and Gladys A.

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#### JAMES M. BURNS.

James M. Burns was born Dec. 11, 1819, son of Captain Daniel Burns, and is a lineal descendant of John Burns, one of the first settlers in town who located with his family on the homestead which has since been owned and occupied by a Burns. His son, John Burns (second), reared a large family, among whom was Daniel Burns, Sr., the paternal grandfather of James M. He was familiarly known as Deacon Burns, having been a pillar of the Congregational church for many years.

Captain Daniel Burns, likewise a lifelong resident of this town, was a prosperous farmer, and for a long time the tax collector. He was captain of an artillery company in the state militia. In politics he was very active. He was a strong temperance man, and an ardent worker in the anti-slavery ranks. A consistent member of the Congregational church, he was for many years the superintendent of its Sunday-school. His death, which occurred in 1866, was a loss to the entire community. He married Lydia Sawtelle, who was born in Brookline. Of their children three are now living, namely, James M., the subject of this sketch; Eli S., a resident of Milford; and Josephine M., the wife of William L. Taylor, of Bennington.

James M. Burns was reared and educated in his native town. In the earlier years of his life he was engaged in general farming and lumbering. Beginning in 1847, he was employed in the carding department of the Souhegan cotton mill for ten years, serving for the greater part of the time in the capacity of overseer. In 1858 he went to Holyoke, Mass., where he occupied a similar position in the

Hampden cotton mills until November, 1865. He then returned to Milford, which has since been his home. In 1871 he built a house of fifteen rooms, and, after occupying a part of it for seventeen years, sold it for use as a Congregational parsonage. His present residence was built by him in 1891. On both occasions he was his own architect. In politics he is a Republican, and for one year he served his fellow-townsmen as selectman.

Mr. Burns was united in marriage Nov. 30, 1843, with Miss Mary A. Burns, daughter of the late Capt. Peter Burns, and a sister of Luther M. and John M. Burns. They celebrated their golden wedding on Nov. 30, 1893, when a houseful of relatives and friends congratulated them on the event. Retaining the faith in which they were reared, they are attendants of the Congregational church.

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### THEODORE G. RAMSDELL.

Theodore G. Ramsdell, son of John and Theresa Ramsdell, and the grandson of William Ramsdell, Sr., and Humphrey Moore, was born in Milford Feb. 8, 1833. He attended the common schools in his native town until he was eleven years old. At an early age he spent one year upon a farm in Hanover, working for his board, schooling, and clothes. Before he was fourteen years old he commenced work in a cotton mill in Mason Village, now Greenville, with his brother Charles, where they remained one year. He then obtained work in the Nashua Manufacturing Company's factory. At this time twelve hours of labor constituted a day's work in our cotton mills. After this he worked for a short time in the old cotton mill at Milford. In the spring of 1849, upon the completion of the new Souhegan mill, he was given a position as overseer of the spinning room, although but sixteen years of age. He remained with the Souhegan Manufacturing Company as overseer three years when, feeling the need of additional education, he resigned his position and spent one year with his double cousin, George A. Ramsdell, at Appleton Academy, Mont Vernon. He afterwards was employed in the cotton mills at Nashua, Holyoke, Manchester, and Indian Orchard, most of the time as overseer until October, 1864, when he was called to Housatonic, Mass., as superintendent of the Monument mills, and continued to hold that position until April, 1886, when he was appointed agent and general manager of the company. In addition he became a director of the company and its vice-president, and a considerable stockholder. Housatonic is a manufacturing village upon the Housatonic river and railroad, and is a part of the town of Great Barrington in Berkshire county. For more than twenty years prior to his connection with the Monument mills he was intimately connected with the cotton manufacturing industry, and had acquired by long years of well-directed labor a mastery of all the details of the busi-



*J. G. Ramsdell*



ness, and has proved himself one of the progressive and successful manufacturers in Western Massachusetts.

The Monument mills manufacture cotton warps, Marseilles and crochet quilts. The manufacturing of cotton warps commenced in 1850, with a limited number of spindles. The number has from time to time increased until now 28,000 spindles are in operation in this part of the works. In 1892 the old wooden mill with its numerous additions was torn down and a new modern brick structure built in its place and filled with the most improved machinery, and the company now ranks among the large manufacturers of cotton warps. The manufacturing of Marseilles and crochet quilts commenced in 1873, in a small way, turning out about two hundred per week. The business has been increased until now the output is about fifteen thousand per week, and these goods are known and sold in every state in the Union. The Monument mills under the present management maintains the high reputation in the business world which the enterprise has had from its foundation.

Mr. Ramsdell has been fortunate in his family relations. June 12, 1873, he married Miss Mary B. Spencer of West Stockbridge, Mass., a woman of intelligence and culture. They have four children. The eldest, Edith, was educated at Wellesley College. One son is now a member of Amherst College and another of Cornell University. The youngest daughter is a student at home.

Mr. Ramsdell is a good example of what can be accomplished by industrious habits and a fixed determination to succeed. Having been born into a large family with a limited income he felt from the beginning that he must be a producer. He has been fortunate in acquiring a reasonable share of this world's goods, but vastly more fortunate in having obtained a high position in the business to which he has given the work of his life. He can easily take rank in the list of successful men who have been born and reared in the town of Milford. Mr. Ramsdell is, and has been from the organization of the Republican party, a strong supporter of its principles. He has never found time to hold political office, though oftentimes importuned to do so. Though not an extensive traveler he has visited most of the states, especially the Southern states, where cotton manufacturing is being developed.

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#### WILLIAM M. KNOWLTON.

William Matthias Knowlton was born June 4, 1832, just over the line in Amherst, now Milford. The Knowlton family originated in England, whence in old colonial times the emigrant ancestor came to this country, locating in Ipswich, Mass. His descendants became scattered throughout New England. One of them, Col. Thomas Knowlton, to whose memory the state of Connecticut in 1895 erected



a statue in the city of Hartford, was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and won fame and honor by his gallant conduct on the field of battle. Joseph Knowlton, the paternal grandfather of William M., removed from Ipswich, Mass., to Amherst, where he reared his family and passed his last years.

Samuel D. Knowlton, son of Joseph, and the father of William M., was a leading citizen in his time, and for several years was first lieutenant of a company of light infantry at Milford. Identified with the Whig party in his earlier years, he afterwards joined the Free-soil party. A strong abolitionist in principles and practice, his home was one of the stations of the "underground railway," by which runaway slaves were conveyed to freedom. On Dec. 23, 1877, this good man died, leaving an honorable record. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Shattuck, was born in Pepperell, Mass., daughter of Amaziah Shattuck, who died soon after making his residence in Milford. Of the children of Samuel D. Knowlton, the survivors are: Mrs. N. Jane Brewer, of Milford; William M., the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Harriet A. Fuller, of Milford; Mark D., of Rochester, N. Y., and George P., of Cambridgeport, Mass.

William M. Knowlton attended the public schools of Milford until about sixteen years of age, when he spent one term at Appleton Academy in New Ipswich. He subsequently worked for a time in the Souhegan Cotton Mills, going from here to the Dwight Cotton Mills, in Chicopee, Mass., where he was employed in the weaving-room for six years. Throughout the following three years he was engaged in the wholesale and retail wood business at Worcester, Mass., afterward spending three years in Camden, N. Y., as a farmer and lumber dealer. In 1864 he returned to Milford, and for the next twenty years was general superintendent of the business of Andrew Fuller, manufacturer of glass frames. Resigning his position in 1884, he was from that time until 1891 successfully engaged in the insurance and brokerage business. This he finally abandoned to become the treasurer of the Milford Savings bank, which position he still holds. He has also been a trustee for nearly twenty-five years. Besides serving two terms in the lower house of the state legislature, he has for a number of years been the secretary and treasurer of the board of health. He is one of the trustees of cemeteries for the town. Identified with the Milford fire department for many years, he was a foreman of it for a large part of the time. He was also a member of the committee that contracted for putting in the water-works of the town; was chairman of the committee for purchasing a lot on which to erect the present high school building; and was largely instrumental in organizing the Milford Improvement Society, which he served as president for the first three years of its existence, and of which he is now a director.

On Oct. 1, 1854, Mr. Knowlton married Myra J. Brown, daughter of Rufus Brown, of Morristown, Vt. Born of the marriage were two





John McLane

children: Hattie E., who died in 1856; and Belle K., who is now the wife of Fred H. Goss, of Melrose, Mass., and has one child, Helen K.

Mr. Knowlton attends the Congregational church. In the spring of 1865 he joined Custus Morum lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F., of Milford, of which, having passed through all the chairs, he has been the treasurer for twenty-six years, and the chairman of the trustees of the lodge for twenty-nine years. In 1866 he was made a Mason in Benevolent lodge, No. 7, and has since passed all the chairs, and has been the secretary for a number of years. He is also a member of King Solomon Chapter, No. 17, R. A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs; of the St. George Commandery, No. 8, of Nashua; and of the Israel Hunt Council, of the same city. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Honor, of Milford, and for twenty-one years has been the financial reporter of the lodge. In each and every office, he has served with fidelity and ability, doing much to promote the interests of each organization.

Mr. Knowlton has rendered valuable assistance to the historian in the chapters relating to the Masonic and Odd Fellows organizations.

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#### JOHN McLANE.

Hon. John McLane is well known in all parts of the United States as a manufacturer of post-office furniture and equipment, and in banking circles as president of the Souhegan National bank. He was born Feb. 27, 1852, in Lennox Town, Scotland, from which place, in 1854, his parents, Alexander and Mary (Hay) McLane, brought him to this country, locating in Manchester. Young McLane was subsequently reared in that city, obtaining his education in the public schools. When seventeen or eighteen years old he turned his attention to mechanical pursuits, for which he had a special aptitude. Becoming skilled as a worker in wood, he labored as a journeyman for several years in the manufacture of furniture of all kinds. In 1876 he established himself in business on his own account in Milford, where he has since remained. He began as a manufacturer of post-office furniture and equipments, putting to the best possible use the limited capital at his command. By wise management he has built up an extensive and lucrative business, and won for himself a position among the foremost business men of the state. He has for many years been a director of the Souhegan National bank, and president since 1891.

A man of ability and integrity, Mr. McLane is influential in town and state affairs. He is a Republican in politics and a vigorous worker for his party. In 1885 and 1887 he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature, serving his constituents for two terms as their representative. He subsequently served for an equal length of time as state senator, being elected in 1891 and 1893, and during

both terms was president of the senate, acquitting himself with ability as a presiding officer. For many years he has been moderator at the annual town-meetings.

On March 10, 1880, Mr. McLane married Miss Ellen L. Tuck, daughter of the late Eben Tuck, of Milford. They have four children, namely, Clinton A., Hazel E., John R., and Charles M. Mr. McLane is prominently connected with the Masons and Odd Fellows of Milford, and at the present time (1899) holds the position of grand master of the grand lodge of Masons. He attends and is a liberal contributor to the Congregational church. Public-spirited and progressive, he has the esteem and confidence of the community in which he lives.

Mr. McLane holds a prominent place in the Republican party of his state. Few men are better known in business, Masonic, and political circles, and none more favorably known; and it is more than probable that political honors await him in addition to those already bestowed by his party friends. His citizenship is of the highest order. In all his undertakings he has been warmly seconded by his wife, a woman of culture and refinement, who shares with him an earnest purpose to keep up the good name of the town, so far as its position as the home of intelligence and progressive thought is concerned.

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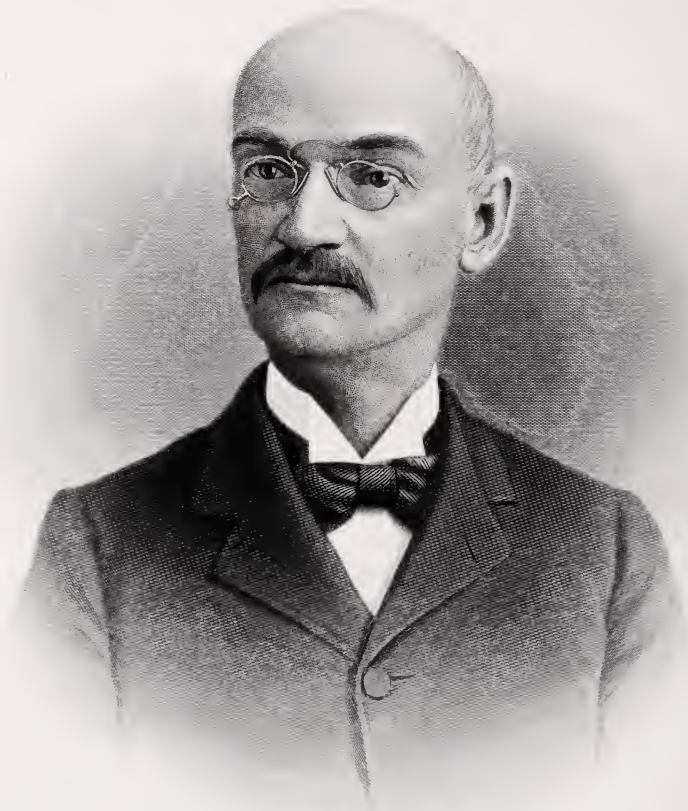
#### GEORGE A. WORCESTER.

George A. Worcester, the efficient chairman of the Town History committee, was born in Greenfield, June 5, 1852. He can well be counted as a Milford man as his parents became residents here when he was but six months old, establishing the family home in the southeastern part of the town upon the farm now owned by William Rock, where the early life of the subject of this sketch was spent. In 1865 he entered the employ of David Heald, in his furniture factory, where he remained for a period of over twenty-five years, retiring therefrom in 1890. For a few years past he has been engaged in the electrical business. His religious affiliations have been with the Baptist denomination from his youth, and for many years he has had official connection with the church, having served as clerk for a period of seven years, and for the past fourteen years has been clerk of the Milford Baptist Association, the largest in the state. He is also a trustee and first vice-president of the New Hampshire Baptist State Convention, and is well known throughout the state in the denomination.

He was one of the promoters of the organization of the Milford Improvement Society and its secretary for many years, and is actively interested in all that tends to elevate the moral and intellectual welfare of the community. Having a taste for historical research he was one of the first to move in the matter of having a history of the







*Geo A. Worcester*



*William R. Wallace*



town published, and was made chairman of the committee, charged with its preparation. He is a valued member of the State Historical Society, and secretary of the local society. Two of his ancestors were in the battle of Lexington, from Newton, Mass., and through them he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. The celebration of the centennial of the incorporation of the town found in him an active worker, and as secretary of its committee he spent several months in the work of preparation. In 1892, he was first elected on the board of selectmen, continuing at that time for two years; elected again in 1896, he has been continued a member until the present time, 1899, and has the satisfaction of knowing that in no year that he has thus served the town has its debt been increased, but decreased during the time he has held the office over thirteen thousand dollars. He holds a commission from the state as special justice of the police court, and as a justice of the peace and notary public. As a trustee of our free library, he always endeavors to aid in all efforts to increase its usefulness, and believes it to be a valuable supplement to our public school system.

As a member of the history committee he has rendered the historian most valuable service, and it has been a pleasure to meet this genial and efficient worker in this enterprise. He seems disposed to give to the town his best service in every cause demanding intelligent activity and unlimited industry.

Mr. Worcester was married May 12, 1878, to Anabiah Russell of Milford.

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#### WILLIAM R. WALLACE.

William R. Wallace was born in Milford, Sept. 17, 1826, and died July 14, 1871. The founder of the Wallace family in Milford was William Wallace, the son of Joseph Wallace, who emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, about 1726, and settled in Londonderry, N. H. William Wallace was five years old at the time of this emigration. He settled in Milford as early as 1754, and married Mary Burns, daughter of John Burns, Sr., and had his home upon the north side of the river, near the residence of the late David Hutchinson, on the old Mont Vernon road. He had all the rugged traits of his ancestry. He had a family of five children, the youngest of whom, James Wallace, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 17, 1765. James Wallace married first, Betsey Kimball, Sept. 19, 1786; second, Sophia Tuttle.

James Wallace was one of the most prominent citizens of the town in his day. He was for many years treasurer of the town. He was a member of the state senate from 1814 to 1817, inclusive. For many years he was the leading country trader in this vicinity. He was extensively engaged in the manufacture of potash, and at times was well known as an innkeeper. During all his active life his real estate



holdings were very large. He died at the comparatively early age of sixty-two years, July 23, 1828. He was succeeded in business by his second son and fourth child, the father of the subject of this sketch, Royal Wallace.

The Wallace family, during all its honorable history in town, has had representatives among its merchants and traders. Royal Wallace survived his father, with whom he had been in business several years, but little more than a year, dying at the early age of thirty-five years. His life, however, was sufficiently long to demonstrate unusual ability in mercantile matters, and to keep good the reputation of the family for uncompromising integrity.

Royal Wallace married Hannah French, the oldest daughter of Josiah French, the son of Benjamin French, the founder of the French family in Milford, a woman of unusual strength of character. She survived her husband more than half a century. To these parents were born three children,—Harriet, who became the wife of Rev. William G. Tuttle, Charles R., who married Elizabeth Lovejoy, of Amherst, both now deceased, but who are now represented in Milford by Mrs. Hannah E. Foster and William R. Wallace, the subject of this sketch.

William R. Wallace was fortunate in the circumstances of his birth, inheriting, as he did, much from the two families, which were united in him. He had a good English education and a natural aptness for mercantile life. As clerk in a general merchandise store, or owner in partnership with others or alone, most of his active business life was spent. He served as town clerk in 1857, 1858, and 1861; as town treasurer in 1865-'70; as one of the selectmen in 1865-'70, and in other minor offices. He was treasurer of Milford Savings bank from August, 1863, till his death, in July, 1871, and in all these relations he proved himself a faithful administrator of the business of his townspeople.

Mr. Wallace was one of those genial men who never seem to grow old. At the time of his decease his acquaintance must have been as large as that of any man in town, and every business and social acquaintance was a mourner. Nov. 17, 1858, he married Harriet Gardner, a woman of culture and refinement. To them were born three children, Bessie Gardner Wallace, born Oct. 24, 1859; died Sept. 16, 1860; Harriet Ellen, born July 22, 1861, married Col. F. E. Kaley, Oct. 12, 1885; William Rodney Wallace, born June 5, 1868, died Aug. 14, 1891.

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#### DAVID HEALD.

David Heald, the well-known member of the business firm of French & Heald, furniture manufacturers of Milford, is a native of Nelson, and was born Oct. 6, 1832, being a son of Oliver and Martha (Wright) Heald. He comes of sturdy English stock in both branches

of his family, his paternal ancestor being John Heald, pioneer and Puritan, who settled in Concord, Mass., in 1632, and whose children and grandchildren were active in all that made for the welfare of the colonies in those early days.

Oliver Heald, familiarly known as major, was the family's representative in the War of 1812. He also served as selectman of Nelson, and held other offices of trust.

Martha (Wright) Heald, wife of Oliver, traces her ancestry back to old England, her first colonial ancestor being Henry Dunster, pioneer of education in New England and first president of Harvard College.

Of the children of this couple three survive,—Rev. Albert Heald, of Gardner, Mass., Henry Heald, of Amherst, and David, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Heald passed his early boyhood in his native town, and received a common school education. After attaining the age of fourteen, he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and three years later came to Milford and worked some years as a journeyman. In 1856 he commenced business for himself in a very small way, employing five or six men. From this small beginning has grown up an industry which to-day gives steady employment to more than one hundred workmen. For a quarter of a century Mr. Heald was sole proprietor. In 1888 he joined in partnership with Mr. C. H. French, now of Malden, Mass., and J. W. Howard, of Nashua, the firm name being Howard, French & Heald. Mr. Howard retired from the firm in 1893, and since then the business has been conducted under the name of French & Heald. They manufacture chamber suits, chiffoniers, sideboards, bookcases, etc., for the trade only. Their factory is equipped with up-to-date facilities. They also have large and attractive warerooms in Boston.

The business cares, absorbing as they have been, have not monopolized the life of our subject to the exclusion of all else. He has found time to work in many lines which are for the good of the community in which he lives, taking an interest in the educational affairs of his town. He was for some years a member of the school board, and later held the position of chairman of the building committee which had in charge the plans and construction of the new high school building; also has represented his town one term in the state legislature.

In 1856 he married Mary Susan Frost, of Ashburnham, Mass., who died in 1858; in 1862 was married to Mary Elizabeth Stone, daughter of Calvin Stone, of Marlborough, who was the mother of all his children now living. She died in 1892. His present wife, Mrs. Lucretia A. Burns, was the daughter of the late Stilman Hutchinson, of this town.

Mr. Heald has five children, viz.: Edward S., superintendent of the furniture factory, Frank H., with John McLane, manufacturer of post-office equipments, Florence M., wife of Charles F. Morse, civil

engineer, Malden, Mass., Mary S., wife of Frederick N. Hutchinson, of the firm of Hutchinson & Averill, grocers, of Milford, and Harriet L., superintendent of the diet department of the Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

The foregoing is a statement of the leading facts in the business career of Mr. Heald, but the historian feels that this statement should be supplemented by other facts. From the day that he became a citizen of his adopted town, at the age of seventeen, until the time of this writing, 1899, he has been at all times and under all circumstances, a power for good in this community. Possessed of good mental powers, enriched by study and reading, his upright and useful life has been an inspiration to other lives. As an active, interested, and consistent member of the Baptist church, he has demonstrated the compatibility of a successful business career with faithfulness in every other relation in life. The town is a debtor to the subject of this sketch for his large and long continued contribution to its business.

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#### CHARLES R. WALLACE.

Charles Rodney Wallace, the son of Royal and Hannah (French) Wallace, was born in Milford, May 16, 1822, and was of Scotch-Irish descent through Joseph Wallace, who emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1726, and settled in Londonderry, New Hampshire. His son, William Wallace, was five years old at the time of this emigration. He settled upon the hill in what is now the territory of Milford, as early as 1754, upon the farm for a long time occupied by the late David Hutchinson, and was the first of the Wallace family in Milford. William Wallace's wife was Mary Burns, the daughter of John Burns, senior. William Wallace had a family of five children, the youngest of whom was James Wallace, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. James Wallace was born Oct. 17, 1765. He was one of the most prominent citizens in the town in his day, and one of the original members of the Congregational church in 1788. He was for many years treasurer of the town, and was a member of the state senate from 1814 to 1817 inclusive. For many years he was the leading country trader in this vicinity. In addition to the management of his extensive business connected with his store he was a manufacturer of potash upon a large scale, and at times was well known as an innkeeper. He was also a large holder of real estate, constantly making purchases and sales. He died at the comparatively early age of sixty-two years, July 23, 1828. James Wallace was succeeded in business by his son, Royal Wallace, the father of the subject of this sketch. The Wallace family, during all its honorable history in town, has had representatives among its merchants and traders. Royal Wallace survived his father, with whom he had been in business some years, but little more than one year. His life, however,

was sufficiently long to visit England for business and pleasure, and to demonstrate unusual ability in mercantile matters, and to keep good the reputation of the family for business integrity. Royal Wallace married Hannah French, the oldest daughter of Josiah French, the son of Benjamin French, the founder of the French family in Milford, a woman of unusual strength and beauty of character. She survived her husband many years, dying Jan. 4, 1879. To these parents were born three children, who reached mature years, Harriet Elizabeth, who became the wife of the Rev. William G. Tuttle, Charles R., the subject of this sketch, and William R., a sketch of whom appears in this volume.

Charles R. Wallace married Dec. 25, 1851, Elizabeth Richards Lovejoy, of Amherst. Their married life lasted but a little over five years, but it was one of unusual happiness. Two children were born to them, Hannah E., now the wife of Oliver H. Foster, a prominent business man, and recently a representative of the town of Milford in the legislature, and Charles Lawrence Wallace, for a time a trader in Milford, but now a resident of Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Wallace died Feb. 10, 1887.

Mr. Wallace naturally took up a mercantile life, as a clerk for Daniel Russell and others. In business alone, and in company with his brother, William R. Wallace, he commanded the respect and confidence of every one having business relations with him. He was an active member of the Congregational church and greatly honored his profession. He was town clerk from the year 1849 to the time of his decease, eight years in all. Mr. Wallace honorably represented the two leading families which were united in him, and died, universally beloved, Jan. 27, 1857.

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#### MRS. HUMPHREY MOORE.

Mary J. (French) Moore, the second wife of Rev. Humphrey Moore, was born in Bedford, July 12, 1808, the daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Sweet) French. She was educated in the common schools of her native town, and spent one year or more at Bradford Academy, completing the course of study at that institution. She taught district schools in Hillsborough county for several terms. March 28, 1831, she became the wife of Mr. Moore, and lived with him forty years, and as his widow twenty-seven years. Her death occurred Nov. 23, 1898, at the advanced age of something more than ninety years.

At the time of her marriage she entered a home which for nearly thirty years had dispensed a generous hospitality, entertaining not only relatives and friends, but clergymen who found it convenient to spend a day or more with "Parson Moore," as he was familiarly called. Mrs. Moore during her protracted life kept good the reputation of the house. Possessed of large natural and acquired ability,



and of a profound religious experience, she at once took her appropriate place in the family and parish, endearing herself to the children of her husband and his parishioners. She was the companion and helpmeet of her husband, sharing with him his studies and extensive courses of reading. Having no children of her own, and being less confined at home than many of her neighbors, she administered to the wants of the sick and unfortunate to an unusual extent. In the early and middle part of her married life the care of the sick was to a large extent thrown upon the friends of afflicted families, and it is safe to assert that no woman in town ever did a larger amount of watching at the bedside of the sick. She was a teacher in the Sunday-school for more than sixty years. Her knowledge of the Scriptures was supplemented by unusual ability to impart religious instruction. For much of the time her Sunday-school class was made up of men and women of mature years and of large attainments, but she always seemed to be at home in her class whatever individual might compose it, permanently or as temporary visitors. The writer of this sketch was recently (1899) visited by a man, well advanced in years and of more than ordinary success in life, who said that he wished it recorded somewhere that, under God, he owed all of his success to the religious instruction which he received from Mrs. Moore when he was a young man resident in the town and a member of her Sunday-school class. Her influence as a Sunday-school teacher cannot be measured, but it was far-reaching and permanent. Although she was many years the junior of her husband, it always seemed to those who knew them best that there was no disparity, their accommodation to each other was so complete.

Although Mr. Moore as his years increased was inclined to remain at home, in the year 1845, in company with his wife, he made something of a tour in what was then called the West, visiting the Hudson river, Niagara Falls, and other points, returning by way of Hamilton, Canada, where he preached for one Sunday. In August, 1852, at the age of seventy-four, with his wife he ascended Mount Washington, making the ascent from the Glen house on foot after three o'clock in the afternoon, and returning the next day by the same path on foot.

Mrs. Moore was a warm and intelligent friend of missions, and after the organization of the woman's board she took an active and prominent part in its work.

She faithfully acted the part of mother and grandmother of her husband's children and grandchildren, to whom she became warmly attached and who in turn reciprocated her affection, and since her decease, without exception, those surviving her have "risen up and called her blessed."

After the death of her husband, and after she had attained an age when most are infirm and inclined to remain at home, she made a



journey to California and another to Europe. For many years in the latter part of her life she had the companionship of her sister, Mrs. Thomas W. Gillis, and her daughters. She was possessed of a most cheerful disposition, and her religious experience added to this natural and beautiful characteristic of her daily life. Her death, at the age of more than fourscore and ten years, was the occasion of universal sorrow throughout the town.

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### JOHN W. CROSBY.

John W. Crosby was born in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 19, 1836. His boyhood was passed in that city, in Nashua, and Worcester, Mass. He was descended from Revolutionary stock; his great-grandfather, Josiah Crosby, commanded a company at the battle of Bunker Hill. His father, Josiah Crosby, was one of the pioneers in cotton manufacturing in New England, and made an early but unsuccessful effort to establish the industry in the South, having attempted to start a cotton mill in Natchez, Miss., more than half a century ago. This project was discouraged by the cotton planters of that section at the time, and was finally abandoned. While in Worcester he commenced to learn the printer's trade, but abandoned it and went West, connecting himself for a time with the *Dubuque* (Ia.) *Herald*. At the breaking out of the Mormon rebellion in 1853 he entered the service of the United States government, and was engaged for a time in the transportation of supplies from St. Joseph, Mo., to the troops in the vicinity of Salt Lake City.

A little later he journeyed overland to California, where the gold excitement was then at its height, and remained upon the Pacific coast for some years. He afterwards visited Mexico, and returned to the East shortly before the breaking out of the Civil War. When Sumter was fired upon he promptly enlisted, shouldered a musket and went to the front with the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers, a regiment that became famous in war annals as "The Fighting Fifth." He was rapidly promoted through the various non-commissioned offices to orderly sergeant; then commissioned second lieutenant, and later promoted to first lieutenant. He saw much hard fighting, taking part in such memorable battles as Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Antietam, Ball's Bluff, Cold Harbor, and Chancellorsville. At the battle of Fredericksburg he lost his right arm, but as soon as he had partially recovered he reentered the service, and barely six months later he participated in the battle of Gettysburg.

At the close of the war he settled in Milford, and began the study of law in the office of Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh. He finally relinquished his law studies to accept a clerkship in the Milford post-office. When General Grant was inaugurated president in 1869, one of the first appointments that he made was that of John W. Crosby

to be postmaster of Milford. He was reappointed by every succeeding president, including Cleveland, up to 1895, when he was compelled by ill health to tender his resignation. He was for a number of years local express agent and manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. For several years he was actively connected with the N. H. National Guard, in which he rose to the position of lieutenant-colonel of the First regiment. He was a member of Massachusetts Commandery of the Loyal Legion; of the New Hampshire chapter of the Sons of the Revolution; of the Grand Army; of the Odd Fellows, and of the United Order of the Golden Cross.

When the town celebrated its centennial anniversary in 1894 Colonel Crosby acted as chairman of the centennial committee, and he was also a member of the committee chosen to prepare a history of the town.

Just before entering the army he was married to Elmira J. Shattuck, a native of New Ipswich, who survived him. Besides a widow, he left one son, C. Fred Crosby, and one daughter, Mrs. James R. Kendall.

In all the relations of life Colonel Crosby was honorable and upright,—an affectionate and devoted husband and father, a zealous and painstaking official, and an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. Generous and kind-hearted almost to a fault, he never turned a deaf ear to a story of distress, and hundreds of persons can testify to his kindly exertions in their behalf in times of misfortune and trouble.

Colonel Crosby was an active and deeply-interested member of the committee to prepare the town history, and until the condition of his health compelled him to abandon all work, was a most helpful assistant, especially in the preparation of that portion of the volume relating to the town's quota in the Civil War. He died March 13, 1898, and was buried in the West cemetery.

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#### THOMAS T. FARNSWORTH.

Thomas T. Farnsworth, who for eleven years kept the hotel at the Buxton Tavern stand, was born in Harvard, Mass., in 1792. He came to Milford in 1846. Previous to that time he had married his wife, Miss Lucy B. Rice, and resided for several years in Groton, Mass. During the time Mr. Farnsworth kept the hotel in the village he abstained from the sale of intoxicating liquors, and contributed largely to the good order of the town and the welfare of the rising generation of young men. In the opinion of the historian too much credit cannot be awarded to him. His citizenship was of a very high order. In his wife he had a strong helpmeet. In 1857, desiring a change in business, he purchased the Peabody farm, about one mile and a half from the village on the north side of the river, which for

more than one hundred years had been in the possession of the Peabody family. On this farm were passed pleasantly the last fourteen years of his life. He died in 1871. His family afterwards made their home in the village. Mrs. Farnsworth still survives at the age of 86, and besides the family is represented in town by L. Augusta, wife of Charles P. Whitney, Fred W. Farnsworth, who graduated from Dartmouth College in 1877; was a successful teacher in the West, and for three years principal of the Milford high school; Alice Maria who cares for her aged mother, and Lucy Jane, now the widow of Saurin J. Blanpied, a former principal of the high school.

Mr. Farnsworth and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

Fred W. married Emlie M. Herschler of Red Wing, Minnesota, by whom he has four children, Hazel A., Emlie B., Harold T., and Kenneth A. Since Fred W. left the high school he has continued his interest in the schools of the town, having served on the board of education since the year 1893.

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#### LIEUTENANT JOHN W. A. SMITH.

As early as 1828 this brilliant young man appeared in town. He gave the town of Gilmanton and 1800 as the place and time of his birth. In his boyhood he had been apprenticed to a tailor. In 1820 he became a cadet at West Point. The following is from the records at the Military School:

"No. 362. John W. A. Smith, appointed—Maine. Military History, Cadet at the U. S. Military Academy from July 1, 1820, to July 1, 1824, when he was graduated 2, and promoted in the Army to 2d lieut. 1st Artillery. Served at the Military Academy 1824-'26 as assistant professor of mathematics, chemistry, mineralogy and geology. In garrison at Ft. Independence (Boston Harbor), 1826-'27. On commissary duty 1827. Dismissed Feb. 12, 1828, for *ungentlemanly conduct*. Civil history—unknown."

The "2" above means that Lieutenant Smith was second in his class of thirty-one, Dennis H. Mahan only ahead of him, and Robert P. Parrott of the world-wide known "Parrott Gun" next below him.

Hon. Rodney M. Stimson writes the historian as follows of Lieutenant Smith:

"In the summer of 1828, in my sixth year, I heard about 'Patent Smith,' nearly everybody in Milford in those days having a nickname. This was the 'dismissed' lieutenant. He was then living in a small house, probably of not more than two rooms, no paint about the house, with very little furniture and that of the most primitive kind, the house on the road leading south from the District No. 2 schoolhouse, and about opposite the residence of Josiah Guttersen at that time.

"Lieutenant Smith was about five feet eleven inches in height, one hundred and sixty pounds in weight; straight, erect, and absolutely 'gentlemanly' in his 'conduct.' He drank no intoxicants, used no profane language. In the winter of 1829-'30 he taught the district school in the village, near the great bridge, and I, seven years old, was one of his pupils. He wore an army overcoat, gray in color, with a cape of several parts, each about two inches below the other, as hung over his shoulders. He was a surveyor and civil engineer.

"About 1830-'34, there was in Milford the lyceum meeting in one of the halls at night. No one could cope with Lieutenant Smith in debate, who was cultivated, well read and sharp, unless it was Rev. Humphrey Moore, who had always the faculty of making a point. In 1832, February 22d, centennial of Washington's birthday, he delivered an eloquent oration in the old town meeting-house, filled to its fullest extent. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Moore, made the prayer, and Maj. Phineas Stimson led the choir, not less than forty, with first and second violins, bass vial and double bass, one of the pieces sung being Marseilles hymn. It was a great occasion in Milford.

"About 1832 Lieutenant Smith moved into the village, third house on South street from the common, as it was then called, and when not engaged as a surveyor or in some scientific matter, worked at tailoring. In June, 1835, when the frame of the south end of the old Buxton Tavern (now Hotel Howison) was raised, he was leveling the lower part of the structure and walking from one stick of timber to another when he fell on his side and broke three or four ribs. It was fatal, and he died within a day or two, on the 29th of the month, aged thirty-five. He was buried in the old graveyard, near the bank of the Souhegan, and the slate slab now stands at the head of his grave."

Mr. Stimson asks the question, Why should Lieut. John W. A. Smith, a gentleman of first-class acquirements, with a brilliant mind, with every prospect of great distinction in life, have been brought down for seven years to his low estate in Milford? and answers his own question fully. In brief it is this: Lieutenant Smith made one serious mistake soon after his graduation, from the consequences of which he never seemed to be able to extricate himself.

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#### ELI S. BURNS.

Eli S. Burns, son of Capt. Daniel Burns, was born May 5, 1827. His line of descent from John Burns, one of the first settlers of the town, is through John Burns, Jr., Daniel Burns, Sr., familiarly known as Deacon Burns and Capt. Daniel Burns.

On another page in this volume reference has been made to the father and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, both of whom were pillars in the Congregational church. He remained at home







*Joseph Crosby*

until twenty years of age, when he went to Salmon Falls, and for the five years following was employed in a cotton mill. From Salmon Falls he went to Byfield, where he was employed in a furniture manufactory for a time. Two years later he removed to Mendon, Vt., spending the following year in the service of the Milford Lumber company. He then returned to the farm on which he was born, remaining there until 1858, when he purchased the Moses Averill place, which was his home until 1866, when he again returned to the old homestead.

In 1884, leaving his sons at the home farm, he repurchased the Averill farm, which is his present home. Mr. Burns is a staunch Republican, a member of the Congregational church for many years, and in all respects a good representative of a family which has had an honorable history from the settlement of the town.

May 24, 1849, he married Hannah J. Gordon, who died Nov. 17, 1896. Their children are Edgar S., born Oct. 14, 1852, Lillian A., Oct. 2, 1858, Herbert G., July 23, 1861, and Kate A., wife of James W. Bills, born June 16, 1865.

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#### JOSEPH CROSBY.

Joseph Crosby, the subject of this sketch, was born March 3, 1806, the son of Joseph Crosby, who was the son of Josiah Crosby, who was the eldest son of Capt. Josiah Crosby, the first of the name in town. Abel C. Crosby was his brother, and the first wife of Deacon Freeman Crosby his sister. Sept. 17, 1835, he married Isabel Moore, daughter of Isaac Moore, a distant relative of Humphrey Moore. He died May 22, 1892. Of this marriage there were five children, only one of whom lived beyond childhood, Esther M., now the wife of David F. Thompson, a native of Amherst and for twenty-five years a shoe dealer in Milford.

Mr. Crosby spent his entire life in town and was closely identified with its interests. He early became a member of the Congregational church, of which he was an active and consistent member. He was prominent in the anti-slavery movement and was proud to be called an abolitionist. In 1840 he was one of eight citizens of the town to vote for the first anti-slavery candidate for the presidency in this country, James G. Burney. Although an active Republican from the formation of the party he seems to have cared little for political office. He made it a point, however, to attend every town-meeting and all of the caucuses of his party, although he never sought or was willing to hold town offices. The only exception which the writer of this sketch has been able to find occurred in the year 1876, when he was a member with him of the convention to revise the state constitution. Near the close of his life he spoke with pride of the fact that in addition to all the presidential elections, he had attended and taken part in sixty-six consecutive town-meetings.

For many years he carried on a small farm, and during the larger part of his life was engaged, to a greater or less extent, in the lumber business. He at one time commanded the Milford Military Company, and had the title of Captain Crosby.

He was one of those sturdy, rugged characters, whose lives are above reproach, and whose death was a public loss.

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#### REV. JOTHAM WELLS HORTON.

Rev. Jotham Wells Horton was born on the island of Nantucket, Mass., April 25, 1826. Pursued studies at Middleboro Academy, Mass., and graduated at Newton Theological Institution in 1859. He was pastor of the Baptist church in Milford from 1859 to 1862; was killed in a bloody riot at New Orleans, La., Aug. 5, 1866. He had been laboring for about two years among the freedmen as a missionary of the Baptist Board of the Freedmen's Bureau. When Gen. Benjamin F. Butler took possession of New Orleans, he labored earnestly for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our soldiers. He gained military permission to open the Coliseum Place Baptist church edifice for public worship, and was for a considerable time pastor of the church. The enemies of the state constitutional convention of 1864, of which he was chaplain, had determined to prevent its assembling, at all hazards. Judge Abell, of the second district, had charged his grand jury that the members must be indicted as disturbers of the public peace. Mayor Monroe issued an inflammatory proclamation on the evening of August 29th, laudatory of the executive reconstruction policy, and denunciatory of the state convention. The convention met at 9 o'clock A. M., July 30, in the Mechanics Institute building, on their way to which the members were greeted with jeers and groans by a large crowd gathered in the streets. Upon assembling, the convention was opened with prayer by Mr. Horton. There being no quorum, it adjourned. The riot soon began, and Mr. Horton perceiving that the police were about to fire on the members, raised his arms and implored them to desist. While in the very act, he received three shots in his breast. He fell, and was trampled on and otherwise maltreated by the police, and was dragged in a dying condition to prison with many others, where he survived till August 5th. His body was sent to Boston, where his funeral was attended by an immense concourse of people in Tremont Temple, August 29th, many persons desiring to do honor to him as a martyr to the cause of his country. Rev. Baron Stow, D. D., in an address, gave a sketch of Mr. Horton's life and character, reading the resolutions of the Conference of Baptist Ministers in Boston and vicinity. A letter was also read from the governor of the state, Alexander H. Bullock, who could not be present. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Bauvard, D. D. A hymn written for the occasion by Rev. S. F. Smith, D. D., was sung.

## EZRA M. GAY, SR.

Ezra M. Gay, Sr., was born in Wrentham, Mass., in the year 1799, and died in Milford, Oct. 25, 1889. He married Miss Clarissa Farley, who lived with him many years, dying in 1876. He came of Revolutionary stock, several members of the Gay family having taken part in the War of the Revolution. Mr. Gay was thrown upon his own resources at the age of seven years.

Beginning at the age of fourteen, he served an apprenticeship of seven years to the trades of carpenter and machinist. Subsequently for a long period he was employed at the Amoskeag Manufacturing company's mills in Manchester. In 1837, having become a citizen of Milford, he joined with Humphrey Moore, George Daniels, and James Searles in the purchase of the Milford Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing company. Mr. Moore and Mr. Searles subsequently retired from the business, leaving Mr. Daniels and Mr. Gay in control of the business, and it was carried on by them for several years. From the time he closed his connection with the old mill—which is now known in an enlarged form as the Morse and Kaley Manufacturing company—he lived in comparative retirement in his comfortable home on South street.

Mr. Gay was an upright and honorable man. Although an interested member of the Republican party from its organization, and a Whig before that time, he uniformly declined official position. His religious preferences were with the Universalist church. In his will he made a large bequest to Tufts College and to Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass. He remembered the free public library of his adopted town by a liberal legacy of five thousand dollars.

Mr. Gay commenced at a very early age to accumulate property, and at his decease left the largest estate ever gathered by a citizen of Milford. He was survived by one son, Ezra M. Gay, Jr., who died Nov. 13, 1899, at the age of sixty-three years, leaving a large estate and many friends.

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DAVID SECOMBE.

David Secombe was born at Amherst, N. H., March 1, 1787. His father was John, whose father was Simmons, whose father was John, who was son of Richard, the first of the name in this country, who, with his wife, Joanna, and four children, came from the west of England in 1680.

David Secombe, Dec. 18, 1823, married for his second wife Lydia Adams, who was born in Temple, N. H., Aug. 24, 1789. Upon their marriage, David Secombe and his wife settled in Milford, upon the David Towne place, on the Nashua road, about half a mile from the village. He died there, Dec. 22, 1844. Lydia, his wife, died at Amherst, N. H., April 3, 1859. Their children were:



1. Frances Charlotte, born Jan. 10, 1825, died April 30, 1848, unmarried, at Amherst, N. H.

2. David Adams, born May 25, 1827, resided at Minneapolis, Minn., more than forty years. He was a lawyer. At the time of his death he was upwards of sixty-five years of age. He married Charlotte A., daughter of William K. Eastman, of Conway, N. H., Feb. 27, 1855. Their children are: (1) Carrie E., born May 17, 1857, wife of Edward C. Chatfield, lawyer, residing at Minneapolis, Minn.; (2) David Willis, born July 5, 1860, resides in Montana; (3) Frank, born Sept. 7, 1875.

3. Charles Carroll, born Jan. 25, 1830, resides at Minneapolis, Minn., retired from business. He married, for his first wife, Annabel, daughter of Capt. Frederick Crosby of Milford. Their only child is Annabel, residing at Milford. He married, for his second wife, Mrs. Emma Tomlinson.

4. William Wirt, born Oct. 14, 1832, died Sept. 7, 1877, at New York city, unmarried.

David Secombe, for one and twenty years, lived in Milford the sober life of a farmer, at the same time filling responsible places of trust in the affairs of the town, serving for six years as one of the selectmen.

At his funeral, the venerable Humphrey Moore, who knew him well, said of him: "He was an honest man."

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#### THOMAS BENTON DEARBORN, M. D.

Dr. Thomas Benton Dearborn was born at Northfield, Sept. 25, 1838. He was the youngest son of Edmund and Sarah Gerrish Dearborn. He early commenced a classical course of study at the seminary at Tilton. After the death of his father and mother in 1855, he removed to Illinois, and there attended school and fitted for college at Jacksonville, Ill., and graduated at the State University, at Bloomington, Ind., in 1861. He was very popular as a teacher, having taught in the high schools at Augusta and Carthage, Ill. He studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. Jonathan Dearborn, of Mt. Sterling, Ill., and also with his brother, Dr. Sam. G. Dearborn, then at Milford. He attended medical lectures at Burlington, Vt., and New York city, and then entered the medical department at Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1864. Soon after, he associated himself in the practice of his profession with his brother, in Milford, and pursued it with untiring devotion and eminent success until disabled by illness, Sept. 25, 1873, his thirty-fifth birthday. He was united in marriage to Miss Kate L. Hutchinson (daughter of Judson, of the celebrated Hutchinson family of singers). Their union was blessed with four sons, the youngest being but six weeks old at the time of his father's death, which occurred June 10, 1879. The sons,





Thomas B. Dearborn



Thomas Hart Benton, Jesse Judson, Henry Hale, Edmund Gerrish, are all living, and attending college at Dartmouth and Harvard. The three oldest are studying medicine, thus following in their father's footsteps. The youngest will enter the law. They are all possessed of fine musical talent, which they inherit from their mother's side, and are known as the "Dearborn Male Quartette." Dr. Dearborn was gifted by nature with keen perception and discriminating and acute intellect. He had educated himself thoroughly for his profession, and with a pressure of business appalling to one of less physical strength and application, had kept himself by continuous study abreast of the latest medical and surgical discoveries. To professional skill he united the noble qualities of true manhood. His practice was extensive, and its demands upon his time and strength exacting; but he spared no energy in responding to its calls, always going to the poor as well as the rich. Those who knew him best, knew that in all the relations of life he was honorable, upright, and conscientious. His funeral was the largest ever held in Milford, over one thousand paying their last tribute of respect. Many who had been his patients came miles to look upon the face of the deceased. The gathering at the cemetery exceeded that of Decoration Day. He was a member of Benevolent Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, at Milford, and the St. George Commandery of Knights Templar, at Nashua.

Dr. Dearborn was a prominent Democrat, and two years previous to his death was a candidate for state senator. He invested his money in real estate, always at home, and did much to improve the appearance of the town, erecting several houses. One of the streets bears his name. His widow was married April 18, 1892, to Mr. Charles Parks Birney, of New York city. He died January 6, 1899. Mrs. Birney makes her home with her sons in the Dearborn residence.

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#### CHRISTOPHER C. SHAW.

Christopher Columbus Shaw, son of William, Jr., and Betsey Hutchinson Shaw, was born in Milford, March 20, 1824; married Aug. 27, 1846, Rebecca Peabody, daughter of Reuben and Lucy Hutchinson, born Aug. 13, 1826. Children three,—Horatio Christopher, Charles Jacob, and Hattie Luthera, the latter passing to spirit life Jan. 7, 1861, aged two years, five months, and twenty-three days.

His early life was spent on the farm of his grandfather, Capt. Jacob Hutchinson, gaining his education mostly at the district schools. At seventeen years of age his health became somewhat impaired so that he did but little work on the farm for a year or two. At eighteen years of age he was clerk of the town's company of the state militia, and at nineteen captain of the same. At this time, for the want of robust health, he began the retailing of dry goods on

the road from house to house. Two years later he bought the stock in trade of Messrs. Mills, Fish & Chase, thus establishing himself in a country store in his native town. A year later he formed a copartnership with the late Henry Lovejoy, Jr., and bought the stock in trade of the late William Wallace, and occupied the store now occupied by Messrs. Kidder & Whitney and D. F. Thompson.

In 1848 Mr. James A. Searles became a partner, and closing out the business in Milford they removed to the city of Lawrence, Mass., and opened a dry goods store, where they remained about two years, then removed their stock of goods to Boston, opening a dry goods store on Hanover street, where they remained for a time. He subsequently closed out his interest in the Hanover street store and associated himself with the large importing and jobbing dry goods house of J. W. Blodgett & Co., in which business he has continued to the present time with the exception of some seven years next after the great Boston fire of 1872, which destroyed his business and retired him to his farm in Milford, with which he has been so long identified.

While thus retired he became interested in the grange movement, which at that time was creating much interest in the Western states, and made arrangement to have the first deputy of the order entering the state visit him. This occurred in October, 1873. Two days later Granite grange, No. 7, was organized, with the subject of this sketch as master. A few weeks later the state grange was organized, and he was elected secretary and appointed general deputy for the state. The following March he was elected purchasing agent for the order in the state, all of which positions he held until December, 1879, when he returned to Boston and resumed his former business.

In January, 1877, the N. H. Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was organized, with Mr. Shaw as president, which position he held for seven years. The following December he was elected secretary of the Patrons' Relief Association and president of the same in 1893. He is at this time a director of the same, and is now and has been a director of the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance company from its formation. From 1873 to 1880, when he resumed his business in Boston, most of his time was spent in organizing subordinate granges and in otherwise developing the order.

Since taking possession of his farm he has been much interested in fruit culture, and for many years was largely engaged in raising fruits, vegetables, poultry, Chester County swine and Jersey cattle, and became a large exhibitor at the state and county fairs.

He has been a trustee of the New England Agricultural Society for many years, and a life member of the same; also a life member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and American Pomological Society, and is now vice-president of the latter for New Hampshire. He is now, and has been from its organization, president of the New Hampshire Horticultural Society.







*Robert M. Wallace*

He was born a Whig, but early became an Abolitionist, and finally a Republican at the formation of the Republican party. He served his town in the state legislature the years of 1875 and 1876.

He took an active part in the formation of Milford Historical and Genealogical Society in 1895, and was elected its president and still occupies the position. In religion he is a liberalist, and is president of the Veteran Spiritualist Union, a religious and charitable organization located in Boston. Through his ancestors he dates back to the first settlement of the town, having had three ancestors in the Revolutionary War and one in the War of 1812.

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#### ROBERT M. WALLACE.

Robert Moore Wallace was born in Henniker May 2, 1847. His parents were Jonas and Mary (Darling) Wallace. His ancestors on his father's side came to this country from Scotland through Londonderry, Ireland, and became a part of the famous Scotch-Irish settlement in Londonderry. A better race never set foot on American soil. The pioneer ancestor of his father was Thomas Wallace, who came to Londonderry in 1732. His son, James Wallace, married Dec. 18, 1742, Mary Wilson, whose parents came to America in 1720 from Londonderry, Ireland. She is known in history as "Ocean-born Mary," having been born on the passage to this country July 28, 1720, and under circumstances of thrilling interest. Her father died in Boston soon after landing. His widow brought the child Mary to Londonderry, where they had land laid out to them by reason of the father's being a grantee of the town. The mother married James Clark, great-great-grandparent of Horace Greeley. The child Mary resided with the family until her marriage in 1742; her mother died in 1732. Tradition says that in 1720, a company of emigrants on their passage from Ireland to this country, were captured by pirates, and while in their hands as prisoners Mrs. Wilson was delivered of her first child, which so moved the pirate band, and particularly the captain, who had a wife and family, that he permitted the emigrants to proceed on their voyage, bestowing upon Mrs. Wilson many valuable presents, mostly articles of wearing apparel, among which was a valuable silk dress, pieces of which are still retained by her descendants as memorials of her peril and of her deliverance from piratical hands. The pirate captain obtained a promise from Mrs. Wilson that she would name the child Mary, for his wife. This signal deliverance from the pirates was commemorated during a generation by the annual observance of a day of thanksgiving by the people of Londonderry. "Ocean-born Mary" resided in Henniker many of the last years of her life, and died Feb. 13, 1814. She was buried in the Center burying-ground amidst many of her descendants. She was represented as being quite tall, resolute, and determined; of strong mind, quick of comprehension, sharp in her conversation,

with a strong brogue, and full of humor; was of florid complexion, bright eyes, and elegant in her manners to the last of her life. Her younger life experience was wonderful in toils and hardships, but her last years were sunny and happy. "Ocean-born Mary" and her husband, James Wallace, were the great-great-grandmother and great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. James and Mary had born to them four sons and one daughter. Three of the sons, Robert, William, and James, were among the early settlers of Henniker. Robert, while a resident of Henniker in 1803, became a judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Hillsborough county, that town then belonging to this county, and remained so for ten years.

Jonas, father of Robert M., was a direct descendant of James and Mary, and was a merchant in Henniker most of his days. He took a lively interest in town matters, and was twice a member of the legislature. He was a fine gentleman of the old school, upright, and universally respected. He married twice, first, Nancy Darling, Nov. 26, 1821. She died April 20, 1841. He married June 2, 1842, her sister, Mary Darling. Of Joshua Darling, father of Nancy and Mary, the history of Henniker says: "Judge Darling was a leading citizen of Henniker for many years, and was zealous in advancing the best interests of the town he had chosen for his home. He was a man of marked ability, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens, both in town and state, to a remarkable degree. He had strong force of character, was energetic and prompt in the discharge of the various trusts committed to him, and throughout his life was widely known for his public spirit." He was president of the senate in 1812, and for several years judge of the circuit court for Hillsborough county. Jonas Wallace died March 21, 1877. Robert is the only living child of his second marriage. He comes, therefore, from most excellent stock, a long line of resolute, intelligent, hardy people, the best reliance of a state.

Judge Wallace was educated in the common school and at the academy in his native place; entered Dartmouth College at the age of sixteen, and was graduated in the class of '67. Shortly after, he began the study of law in the office of Mason W. Tappan, afterwards attorney-general of New Hampshire, and was admitted to the bar in 1870. The next year he removed to Milford, where he formed a partnership with Bainbridge Wadleigh, United States Senator, which continued until the latter removed to Boston. Afterwards, he practised alone. In 1877 and 1878 he was a member of the legislature, and in 1889 a member of the constitutional convention. He was elected county solicitor for Hillsborough county in 1883, and held the position by reëlections for ten years, when he was appointed by Governor Smith associate justice of the supreme bench of New Hampshire, a position he still holds. Prior to his appointment as a member of the supreme court he was requested by Governor Smith to take the position of judge advocate general upon his military





*John Marcell*



staff, with rank of brigadier-general. He accepted this position, but upon assuming the duties of his judicial office, resigned his position upon the staff. He married Aug. 25, 1874, Ella M., daughter of the late A. F. Hutchinson of Milford. Five children have been born to them, three of whom are still living. He has a beautiful family and home, to which he is loyally devoted.

Judge Wallace has been most fortunate in his birth, education, profession, and home. As a lawyer he has acquired an enviable reputation for accuracy, faithfulness, ability, and integrity. He maintained while at the bar a place far above the average, and as a judge he is able and conscientious, and his life as citizen, lawyer, and judge is one of credit to himself and usefulness to the community.

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### JOHN MARVELL.

John Marvell was born in Amherst Oct. 18, 1815, and died in Milford Nov. 8, 1888. His father's name was John Marvell, a respected citizen of Amherst. His mother was Roxanna Leavitt, the daughter of Andrew Leavitt, a revolutionary soldier, taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill, and present at Cambridge when Washington took command of the army. She was a sister of Mary Leavitt, the wife of Jesse Hutchinson and the mother of the celebrated Hutchinson family.

Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he passed a large portion of his minority upon the farm of Jotham Hartshorn in Amherst. On reaching his majority he became a citizen of Milford, and ever afterwards was identified with its industries. Mr. Marvell was married June 12, 1838, to Sophia Ober of Amherst, the daughter of John and Sally Peacock Ober. Their children were Martha Sophia, born May, 1839, now the wife of Andrew L. Harris of Swampscott, Mass.; Susie Ann, born Nov. 2, 1847, afterwards the wife of Edgar A. Danforth; died Aug. 28, 1869. Mrs. Marvell died Dec. 31, 1880. Mr. Marvell afterwards married Mrs. Jeanette Hutchinson Dickey, the daughter of Reuben and Lucy Hutchinson, who survives him.

Mr. Marvell was an early and pronounced abolitionist, taking his stand at a time when it required much moral courage to avow uncompromising hostility to the institution of slavery. At the time of the formation of the Republican party, in 1856, Mr. Marvell joined the organization and to the time of his decease was a consistent and honored member. He never sought office, but was chosen and served on the board of selectmen in the years 1862-'63-'68-'69, and '70.

He was a member of the legislature in the years 1865 and 1866; a director in the Souhegan National bank and a trustee of the Savings bank. During the larger part of his life he was engaged in the lumber business, purchasing and clearing lots. For twenty-five years,

commencing about the year 1865, he was in partnership with Robert R. Howison under the firm name of Howison & Marvell. This firm conducted business upon an extensive scale. As a business man, a town official, and as a citizen Mr. Marvell was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. Modest and unassuming, he impressed every one with whom he came in contact as an honest man.

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#### EMRI C. HUTCHINSON.

Emri C. Hutchinson, the fifth generation from Nathan Hutchinson, the first of that name to settle in Milford, was born on the farm upon the Wilton road owned and occupied by the family for at least four generations, July 31, 1849. Benjamin F. Hutchinson, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born June 10, 1814, and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His wife was Eliza Richardson, and the worthy couple celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage some years since. Benjamin, the great-grandfather of Emri C., married a daughter of William Peabody, the first settler of the town, who about the year 1840 located on the Peabody farm, granted to the family by reason of the service of an ancestor in King Philip's war. The grandfather of Emri was Benjamin Hutchinson, known as Colonel Ben., for a long time connected with the militia of the state. For a considerable length of time he commanded one of the regiments of the New Hampshire militia and was commissioned general of the brigade, a position which he declined. Benjamin F. Hutchinson has always taken an active interest in scientific farming, having been one of the first in the state to engage in and report the results of feeding experiments. He was an active member of the State Board of Agriculture in the early days of the present organization; was for several years president of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society; served one year as selectman; and also represented his town in the state legislature.

Emri C. was educated in the town schools and the private school of Prof. W. L. Whittemore, and entered the first class in the New Hampshire College of Agriculture, but did not complete the course. August 9, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie E. Lovejoy of Peterborough, a faithful assistant in the work in which he has been engaged. They have two daughters, M. Roselle and Medota A.

Mr. Hutchinson, like his father, has always been interested in agriculture, and has been prominently identified with organizations promotive of its progress. He was for some time secretary of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society, and was a charter member and the first secretary of Granite Grange, No. 7, of Milford, holding the latter office for six successive years; and afterwards master of the same grange; was general deputy for eight years pre-

vious to his election as secretary of the state grange in December, 1891, to which latter position he has since been successively reëlected. He has also been secretary of the New Hampshire Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company since its organization in 1889.

The Hutchinson farm embraces about seventy acres of land, sixteen of which is in mowing and tillage. Thorough cultivation has been the motto, and two tons of hay per acre the average product. Milk production is the leading specialty. The cows are high grade Ayrshire and Durham, selected for their dairy qualities. The milk is sold to the Whitings for the Boston market; the product of this dairy going into Boston on the first car run for such purposes, and the sales some years have averaged over \$100 per cow, at the contractor's prices.

Mr. Hutchinson is a Republican in politics, but has never held or sought public office. Both he and his wife are active members of the Unitarian church of Milford.

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#### WILLIAM F. FRENCH.

William Francis French, the son of Francis J. French and Betsey Robinson French, was born June 21, 1854. He is a descendant through his father from Benjamin French, the first of the name in Milford. His mother was born in Meredith, N. H. During the War of the Revolution, and while he was a citizen of Dracut, Mass., Benjamin French was an officer in the Continental army, doing most creditable service. Soon after the close of the war he took up his residence in Milford, becoming and continuing one of its most prominent citizens until his decease. At one time he was a very large real estate owner in what is now the compact part of the village, including the site of the Centennial schoolhouse, the town-house, and many other well known localities.

Francis J. French was the son of Josiah French and grandson of Benjamin French. He was born and reared upon the old French homestead, for a long time the property of his father, Josiah French, and afterwards of his sister, Mrs. Endicott, and now the property of the town.

Francis J. French followed the business of his father and grandfather, and until the time of his decease was actively engaged in the tanning business; first in the old French tannery upon the banks of Great Brook, near its confluence with the Souhegan, and afterwards at the place now known as the "Foster tannery." He never sought political office, but in 1866 and '67 accepted the position of representative to the general court.

William Francis French is the only descendant of Benjamin French residing in town and bearing the family name. He received his early education in the local schools, graduating from the High school at the age of eighteen. He served an apprenticeship to the

dry goods business with Marcellus J. Gray for the term of three years. In March, 1875, he entered the employ of Dexter S. Burnham, who was at that time in the drug and hardware business, with whom he remained for fourteen years, much of the time as manager of the store. March 15, 1889, he succeeded Mr. Burnham in business, and has continued its management successfully to the present time. September 27, 1883, Mr. French married Josephine M. Stevens, the daughter of Samuel N. Stevens. They have three daughters,—Ruth D., Katherine S., and Miriam J. Mr. French is an active and influential member of the Baptist church, and has been treasurer of the society and superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years, and is well known in the denomination throughout the state, being president of the Baptist State Sunday-school convention, and also president of the interdenominational New Hampshire Sunday-school convention; is a trustee of the Milford Savings bank, president of the new Granite Savings bank, and president of the board of trustees of the Free Public Library. He was a member of the Centennial committee, and acted as treasurer. Mr. French's political affiliations are with the Republican party.

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#### SUMNER B. EMERSON.

Sumner B. Emerson, son of William and Evelina (Putnam) Emerson, was born Feb. 25, 1834, the eldest of a family of eight children. At the age of sixteen he learned the trade of wood turning at the furniture factory of Joseph Killam in Wilton, and occasionally worked at that trade in Milford for Levi Putnam and Robert Knight. In 1856 he became a permanent resident of Milford, entering the employ of David Heald, where he remained until 1867. At that time he leased the upper story of the old Mechanics mill and commenced the manufacture of furniture on his own account, giving special attention to the making of extension tables, chair and lounge frames. In 1881 he purchased the stock in trade of A. C. Fisher, and soon became the leading furniture dealer in town, adding from time to time new departments until he has to-day a complete furnishing establishment. His son, Harry L., was associated with him in business until 1885, when they purchased a large business in Brattleboro, Vt., and he removed to that town, the father remaining in Milford two years longer, when he also took up his residence in Brattleboro, leaving the business in Milford in the care of his second son, Charles S., who was soon admitted to the firm, taking the place of his brother who retired from the Milford business. To accommodate their increasing trade, in 1895, the present three-story brick business block was erected upon South street.

Sumner B. Emerson married, May 23, 1858, Martha A. Bales of Wilton. Eight children have been born of this marriage. All are now living with the exception of Edith E., who died the present year (1899), a trained nurse in the Boston City Hospital.



Possessed of a sound mind in a sound body, a genial disposition, rare business foresight, untiring industry, and uncompromising integrity, he has been successful in whatever he has undertaken. He was a member of the board of selectmen in 1876 and 1877, the latter year being chairman of the board. He retired from the Brattleboro firm in 1893, disposing of his interest to his son, Harry L., and is now in a measure relieved from the activities of a busy life. From his youth he has been a member of the Congregational church, active and interested in all its work. His citizenship has been and is of the highest order.

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#### EBENEZER C. BATCHELDER.

Ebenezer C. Batchelder was a native of Peru, Vt., and in 1847 moved to Tilton, where he engaged in the dry goods business, and by close attention to the demands of trade, prompt and courteous treatment of his customers, inaugurated a successful business, which he enjoyed for a period of six years. In 1853 Mr. Batchelder located in Milford, as the successor of Gilman Wheeler, who had successfully prosecuted business in town for many years, as a partner with Charles B. Tuttle, James Cochran, and alone, and having occupied for some time the store at the corner of Main and South streets. Mr. Batchelder was in the prime of life, and unusually well equipped to do a successful business. He departed somewhat from the custom of his predecessors, in that he opened a store devoted almost exclusively to the sale of dry goods. Possessed of unusual energy, and knowing almost instinctively what the public demanded, he at once commanded a trade in the line of goods in which he dealt larger than had been enjoyed by any single trader in town. At a time when it may be said he had reached the height of his prosperity (about 1861) he had the misfortune to suffer the loss of his left leg, which was the occasion, in connection with two serious subsequent accidents, of continued physical discomfort. Mr. Batchelder continued in business, either alone or in company with Mr. Andrew J. Hutchinson, who became a partner with him in 1887, until disabled by advancing years and physical infirmities. His business was not confined to the citizens of the town. From the time he established himself within our limits he was known throughout this region as a high-minded and honorable merchant, never resorting to the arts and tricks by which trade is sometimes attracted. Mr. Hutchinson succeeded Mr. Batchelder in business, and is profiting by the introduction which he received during his clerkship with him of eight years and his partnership of more than a dozen years.

Mr. Batchelder was always interested in matters of public concern, and served his fellow-citizens on many important occasions. In 1867 he was chairman of a committee to select a lot for a new town-house and to procure plans for a building, and in 1872 was one of a commit-



tee to enclose the common or square as it was left after the removal of the old town-house. His voice was always heard in favor of any measure that had for its object the improvement of the town. He served for many years on the lecture committee, which for several years after he became a citizen of the town furnished courses of lectures, given by the most distinguished literary men of the land.

He was a charter member of Custos Morum Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 42. He always took an active interest in this organization, and it held a warm place in his heart, realizing, as he did, the fact that in his case every pledge and fraternal obligation in his behalf had been at all times promptly and faithfully fulfilled.

Mr. Batchelder was in every respect a gentleman, well informed and always interested in the things going on about him. He was outspoken, quick to recognize the good from the bad. Honest and straightforward himself, he expected as much from those with whom he dealt. His loyalty to principle and honesty was of the old school order, which permitted of no variation.

Mr. Batchelder was a life-long Democrat. It must stand to his credit that, spending the larger part of his business life in a town strongly Republican, he allowed no question of expediency to detach him from the support of a party which, on the whole, he thought best fitted to govern the country. But he did this in no narrow, bigoted way, and was ready at all times in local affairs to vote for the best men, irrespective of party affiliations.

Mr. Batchelder married Sept. 27, 1849, Miss Abby Kittredge of Mont Vernon, daughter of Zepheniah, Jr., and Mary Wheeler-Kittredge, and granddaughter of Dr. Zepheniah Kittredge, a woman of unusual strength and beauty of character.

Few men are called upon to bear so much suffering, physical and mental, as was the subject of this sketch; in all of which his wife proved a helpmeet of the highest worth. Of the five children which came to bless their home but one survives, Mrs. John H. Barr of Nashua. Mr. Batchelder died Oct. 26, 1896, at the age of 78 years.

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#### THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY.

At the time the writing of this history was commenced, it was the purpose of the historian to devote a larger space to this remarkable family than will appear in the present volume. The elaborate and valuable history of the family given to the public by its sole survivor, John W. Hutchinson, in 1896, seems to render unnecessary the re-publication of many matters of interest which are accessible to the general reader by reason of the existence of the two volumes containing many interesting details in the history of these natives of Milford. Mr. Hutchinson has kindly presented these volumes to the public library.

Jesse Hutchinson, the father of the "Tribe of Jesse," was the son of Elisha Hutchinson, who was born in Middleton, Mass., Dec. 6, 1751. In 1779, Elisha Hutchinson (who had married Sarah Buxton in 1772), settled upon the hill north of the Souhegan valley. Elisha Hutchinson was a descendant of Bernard Hutchinson, the progenitor of the English branch of the family, and of Richard Hutchinson who, with his wife Alice and four children, immigrated to this country in 1634, and settled in Salem Village, now Danvers, Mass. Richard Hutchinson was the common ancestor of Elisha Hutchinson and Nathan Hutchinson, who settled upon the Souhegan river in 1748.

Elisha Hutchinson for a time lived in a rude structure in the north-westerly part of what is now the territory of Milford, about three-fourths of a mile from what is usually called the Hutchinson homestead, on the northerly bank of the Souhegan river. He afterwards built a large house, still standing, in which fourteen of the "Tribe of Jesse, sons of Mary," were born. He died Oct 12, 1800, at the early age of forty-nine years.

The Congregational church was organized in what was called the Southwest Parish of Amherst, six years before the incorporation of the town of Milford. This parish included the residence of Elisha Hutchinson, and he was one of the prime movers in building the first meeting-house; was one of the original members of the church, which was organized Nov. 19, 1778; was made clerk of the church, holding this office until his decease. While a citizen of Massachusetts he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution; was a private in Capt. Jeremiah Page's company of militia, at Danvers, which engaged the British at Lexington on the memorable 19th of April, 1775.

Elisha Hutchinson brought with him from Massachusetts his two sons, Andrew and Jesse. A daughter was subsequently born. The boys grew to manhood on the farm. August 7, 1800, Jesse, who was then twenty-two years old, married Mary Leavitt, who was only fifteen. She was the daughter of Andrew Leavitt, a prominent citizen of Amherst. He was a carpenter and master builder; was a Revolutionary soldier, serving at the battle of Bunker Hill and elsewhere. He lived to reach the great age of ninety-four years. The issue of the marriage, reaching mature years, were:

David, born Oct. 11, 1803.

Noah, born Jan. 26, 1805.

Andrew B., born Aug. 19, 1808.

Zepheniah K., born Jan. 6, 1810.

Caleb, } twins, born Nov. 25, 1811.

Joshua, }

Jesse, Jr., born Sept. 29, 1813.

Benjamin Pierce, born Oct. 3, 1815.

Judson Joseph, born March 14, 1817.

Sarah Rhoda Jane, born March 14, 1819.

John Wallace, born Jan. 4, 1821.

Asa Burnham, born March 14, 1823.

Abby, born Aug. 29, 1829.

The Hutchinsons seem to have inherited their musical ability from their ancestry on both sides, particularly through their mother.

Jesse Hutchinson and his wife early in their married life became communicants in the Baptist church. For a time the services of this denomination in Milford were held in the schoolhouse in the Hutchinson district. Subsequently, and largely through the efforts and contributions of Andrew and Jesse Hutchinson, a church edifice was erected in the village.

The family grew to such proportions at the old homestead that it was thought advisable to purchase an additional farm. One was for sale some three-quarters of a mile from the original homestead, on the intervale adjacent to the Souhegan river. Jesse Hutchinson made a purchase of this place in the spring of 1824. The farm contained about one hundred and sixty acres, with a very large house and convenient outbuildings. The house was built originally for a hotel by Col. Joshua Burnham, and was constructed from lumber from the old growth in the pine forests upon the farm. The house was fifty-three by forty-eight; about thirteen feet stud, hip roof. Thence the parents with the younger portion of the family repaired, leaving the older members at the original homestead.

Of the sons of this notable family Jesse, at the age of sixteen, became an apprentice in the office of the *Farmer's Cabinet*, then printed at Amherst, and continued until he was proficient in the art, and an expert at typesetting. Andrew, at the age of sixteen went to Boston, and embarked in mercantile business, becoming very successful. Zepheniah went west, taking up land for his farm in Illinois. Joshua was a clothier, carding, dying, and weaving wool into cloth fabrics. David, Noah, and Caleb were most successful farmers. The boys remaining at home continued to attend the district school. They were all good mechanics, and some of them ingenious inventors. Noah and Caleb settled in the northerly part of the town, and other members of the family upon farms not far distant from the homestead.

On Thanksgiving day, 1839, the Hutchinson family appeared together in public for the first time. Jesse had come from Lynn and Andrew from Boston to celebrate the day. The plan of a free concert in the Baptist church originated with Joshua and Jesse, each a choir leader and teacher. The advertisement consisted of two slips of paper, one posted on the old town house and the other at the bridge and read as follows:—"The eleven sons and two daughters of the Tribe of Jesse will sing at the Baptist meeting house on Thanksgiving evening, at seven o'clock."

Squire Livermore was secured to speak on music, and Parson Richardson was also engaged, so that the concert might be interspersed with speaking. Grandfather Leavitt and Uncle Jesse were present, and sang with the family on the old chorals. The church was packed with sympathetic listeners, and the hymns, anthems, and songs were enthusiastically received.

Through Jesse and Andrew the family had become acquainted in Lynn, and some time in the year 1841, a concert was there given by Judson, John, Asa, and Joshua, and possibly some other members of the family. The concert was held in the old Sagamore hall and was in every way successful.

Feeling the need of more discipline and culture Judson, John, and Asa took up a temporary residence in Boston, where they might profit by coming in contact with singers, and by instruction that they might receive. In order that they might pay expenses they there wrought at different employments. The stay in Boston was short and they soon returned to Lynn, where Jesse was in business and where he was chorister in one of the local churches. About this time they became acquainted with Hawkins and Gough, afterwards prominent in the temperance cause, and lifelong friends.

In the autumn of this year Judson, John, and Asa returned to Milford and gave their first concert in East Wilton. The arrangements in the hall were of the most primitive character, rough boards having been placed upon the heads of three barrels. The light was furnished by six half candles. This concert netted the three brothers six and one fourth cents beyond expenses. This concert was followed by others, in half the towns of Hillsborough county.

The brothers early found that they needed at least one of their sisters to make the most favorable quartette. Abby was then only eleven years old, and it was only after long efforts that her parents were persuaded to allow her to go to Lynn with her brothers. The quartette, which afterwards became so illustrious, Judson, John, Asa, and Abby, gave their first concert in Lynn. They met with a warm reception, and from this time onward their success was assured.

After giving many concerts and receiving the approbation of many competent to pass judgment upon their efforts, they were persuaded by their father and mother to return to Milford and settle down upon the home farm. The parents about this time celebrated their golden wedding, and were willing to surrender the occupation of the homestead to the young members of the family; but the quiet and comparatively dull life of the average New England farmer did not satisfy the young men of the quartette, who had already had a substantial taste of popular applause, and they determined to become candidates for still further public favor as singers. The most serious difficulty in their pathway was found in the reluctance with which the parents consented that Abby should go with her brothers upon protracted concert tours.

Prior to the grand start, as the quartette often termed it, Judson, John, Asa, and Abby gave a Fourth of July concert at Nashua in connection with Mr. Lyman Heath, a composer, singer, and music teacher who at this time was of much service to the singers who afterwards became so famous. Soon afterwards a course of concerts



was inaugurated, beginning with Concord, where the family had become known through their acquaintance with N. P. Rogers, the editor of the *Herald of Freedom*.

From this time until the company ceased to sing as a quartette, they were continually received by large and delighted audiences; the bare announcement that the Hutchinson family would sing at a given time and place, secured overflowing houses.

They early identified themselves with the temperance and anti-slavery causes, singing at the temperance and anti-slavery meetings whenever opportunity offered, frequently without any compensation.

Although public attention in the forties and afterwards was principally drawn to the quartette, there were several other members of the family who became well known as public singers. Jesse Hutchinson, Jr., was not only a singer well known and appreciated, but a poet and a composer of music. Many of the songs which the family sung were written by him and set to music. Joshua was a most acceptable singer, giving a large number of public concerts and becoming widely known as a teacher of vocal music.

In August, 1845, the quartette, with Jesse as manager, visited Great Britain, where a year was spent with great success in concert and social life. They were entertained in the homes of Charles Dickens, Macready, Harriet Martineau, William and Mary Howitt. They found warm friends in Douglas Jerrold and Mark Lemon. Charles Dickens gave a Hutchinson reception at his home just before their opening concert in London. The tour which followed was an unmeasured success from its beginning to its end.

The last concert in Great Britain was given in the great Free Trade hall in Manchester. There were between six and seven thousand present. It was sublime to see that ocean of human faces respond to every motion invoked by the thrilling strains of these children of "The Old Granite State."

In August, 1846, the family returned to the United States. After a brief rest they visited the principal Northern cities, their success in Great Britain adding much to their reputation and popularity.

Feb. 20, 1849, Abby Hutchinson was married to Mr. Ludlow Patton of New York, a gentleman of culture, a good singer, and an accomplished musical critic. After her marriage Mrs. Patton sang occasionally with her brothers on special occasions. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion, 1861, Mrs. Patton again appeared in public. She sang for a year with her brothers the songs of freedom and patriotism.

It is the verdict of impartial history that the Hutchinson family in its prime excelled all singers in the class of music and song to which they gave attention; that they have had no successors; and that the temperance cause had no stronger or more powerful assistance from any quarter than that rendered by the members of the Hutchinson family fifty and sixty years ago. It is the opinion of the his-



torian that no family in the United States, save the Beecher family, did more to bring about the public sentiment which demanded and secured the abolition of African slavery. While these reforms were progressing, and while the best people in the country were actively engaged in this noble work, the Hutchinson family became acquainted with many of the leading advocates in these reforms. It would be impossible to enumerate the distinguished men and women with whom they had much more than a passing acquaintance.

With the death of Judson, which occurred Jan. 11, 1859, the quartette ceased to exist, and a period which John W. describes in his history of the family as "the swarming," came on. The wife and children of John W., without exception, were singers of a high order. The same was true of the family of Asa. Judson left a daughter, Kate L., who was gifted with a remarkably musical voice. She had sung in public with her father before his death, and afterwards with Joshua and other members of the Hutchinson family, and continued to take part in concerts with different companies until her marriage with Dr. T. B. Dearborn. Dr. Dearborn died June 10, 1879, leaving four sons, grandsons of Judson J. Hutchinson, all good singers and known as the Dearborn Male Quartette.

John W., who before this time had given concerts alone and with members of his family, at this juncture entered upon an extended career of concert giving, which can hardly be said to have closed.

Asa, with his family, during the remainder of his life, continued to give concerts. The sons of David Hutchinson, Hayward M., Jesse L., Elias S., and John W., as they reached manhood, engaged in business in which they were all successful, and some unusually successful. Of the sons of Noah, Andrew B., Matthew B., Aaron B., Lucius B., David J., and Henry A., the same can be said. Without doubt similar accounts could be given of the children of other sons of the Tribe of Jesse if the historian were in possession of the facts. The estate known as High Rock in Lynn, and which had been the property of Jesse up to the time of his decease, subsequently was purchased of his heirs by John and Asa who, with others, founded the town of Hutchinson in Minnesota. Asa's ownership in the Lynn estate was not of long duration, and for many years John W. has been sole proprietor. The tribe of John and the tribe of Asa existed as concert troupes until death had made serious inroads into both families. John W. Hutchinson remains (1899) the sole survivor of this family of sixteen children. Within the year he has given several concerts in important places in New England. Uncle Jesse died Feb. 15, 1851. His wife survived him seventeen years, until Sept. 20, 1868. He was an exemplary citizen. In addition to his great service in rearing his family, he contributed largely of his time and money to the cause of religion, and acceptably served the town as a member of the board of selectmen in 1833, 1834, 1838, and 1839.

## ABBY HUTCHINSON PATTON.

Abby Hutchinson Patton was born upon the old Hutchinson homestead Aug. 29, 1829, and died in New York City Nov. 24, 1892.

This sketch is substantially a reproduction of an article appearing in the *Home Journal* soon after her decease, from the pen of Frank D. Carpenter.

Of sixteen children of Jesse and Mary Leavitt Hutchinson, thirteen grew to manhood and womanhood. One of the verses of their song, composed by Jesse Hutchinson, Jr., one of the sixteen, "The Old Granite State," embraced the names of thirteen children, all living when the song was composed. The whole family were singers, but the quartette which became so famous was composed of Judson, John, Asa, and Abby.

Mr. Morris of the *Home Journal* was the author of the phrase which accompanied the singers ever after, "A nest of brothers with a sister in it."

Abby Hutchinson came from a long line of musical ancestors. Her maternal great-grandparents, William Hastings and his wife, were noted singers of their time. One of the Hastings daughters married into the Leavitt family, also famous for musical genius. Thus of the union of the musical talents of the Hastings and the Leavitts, came the musical mother of the Hutchinson family.

Abby was a born musician. As soon as she could talk she began to sing. The first songs she learned were the hymns taught her by her mother while singing at her spinning wheel. At the early age of four years she displayed such musical talent that people would come from afar to hear her childish songs. A little later she went to the district school with her sister and young brothers. Her studies were pursued with avidity, and she readily memorized pieces to speak or sing.

As the father had a large farm there was much out-door work to do, and while the brothers worked they sang. Rhoda and Abby would also sing with the mother, over their work, and when the father and the boys would come in to their meals, all voices would join in a song that would make the house ring. The evenings were usually spent in musical practice. Abby had an alto voice and could make her own part, no matter how intricate the melody might be. To test her abilities her brother, Judson, would sing the scales, and difficult improvised melodies, bringing in chromatic runs and changes. Abby would never falter, but would match him every time with her harmonious notes. Musical by inheritance, her childhood surroundings were all of music, melody, and harmony.

In 1839, when only ten years old, Abby made her first public appearance as a singer. This was at a concert given in the Baptist church of Milford. On this occasion the parents and their thirteen children



Abby Hutchinson Patton.



all took part, Abby singing with her sister Rhoda the evening song to the Virgin, "*Ave Sanctissima*."

In 1841 Judson, John, and Asa commenced their public concert career, with their sister Abby as their chief attraction. For two years they made New England their chosen field, and went from town to town, and from city to city, with varying success. Their habit for several years was to sing in the autumn and winter. Spring and summer were devoted by the brothers to the management of their farms, and by Abby to her studies at the academy in Hancock and at the Edes Female Seminary, Plymouth, Mass.

Early in May, 1843, the Hutchinson family made their first visit to New York. They took the public by storm. One enthusiastic editor, who was a great lover of music, wrote of them: "The harmony of this band was never surpassed by mortal throats. It moved to tears, it reached into the solemn depths of the soul,—it was God-given and Heaven-inspired." The press published extended accounts of their concerts, which were given in the old Broadway Tabernacle.

The Hutchinsons were abolitionists from principle, and in singing anti-slavery songs they would sometimes be hissed and threatened with personal injury; but the presence of Abby held the pro-slavery audiences of those days in subjection. There was a charm about her that was irresistible. The anti-slavery conventions were often disturbed by mobs, but when the Hutchinsons began to sing, the uproar was hushed, as by magic Abby's voice would ring out with "The Slave's Appeal," and in the hush that followed Garrison and Phillips would get a hearing. The songs she loved best were those which inspired the hearts of the great anti-slavery leaders and other reformers with courage and hope.

During their sojourn in Great Britain, Alexander Ireland, editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, wrote:

"Abby, the sister, is sixteen years old, with a bright, intelligent face, speaking dark eyes, and exquisite complexion. Had Wordsworth known her, he would have immortalized her. She is totally unspoiled by the admiration and applause which her singing everywhere calls forth. Her grace of manner is natural; she is perfectly unconscious and unstudied. Her moral qualities are equally beautiful and winning. No one can converse with her without feeling himself to be in the presence of an artless, pure, and simple nature, which no applause, or success, can divest of its original freshness."

Throughout Scotland and Ireland the family had uninterrupted success. The inexpressible sweetness of Abby's voice seemed, as one Dublin editor expressed it, "like the subdued and distant voice of an angel from the upper deep."

On Feb. 28, 1849, Abby Hutchinson was married to Mr. Ludlow Patton of New York, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and a son of the late Rev. Dr. William Patton of New York.

After her marriage, Mrs. Patton sang occasionally with her broth-



ers on special occasions. In 1850 she brought out "If I were a voice." It seemed truly an "immortal voice":

"To speak to men with a gentle might,  
And tell them to be true."

Her next song was Mrs. Gildersleeve Longstreet's "Mrs. Lofty and I." In rendering this music, composed by her brother Judson, her sympathetic voice seemed to reach the very soul of her listeners. The song still lingers in our ears.

At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion, in 1861, Mrs. Patton again appeared in public, believing it to be her duty to do what she could to rouse the people of the North and bring about the abolition of human slavery. She sang for a year, with her brothers, the songs of freedom and patriotism.

In April, 1873, Mr. Patton retired from business. For the next ten years Mr. and Mrs. Patton traveled for pleasure through Europe, Asia, Africa, and all portions of their own country.

On their return from their Egyptian and Palestine trip, Mr. and Mrs. Patton renewed their travels through Europe, visiting every country therein, except Portugal and Lapland.

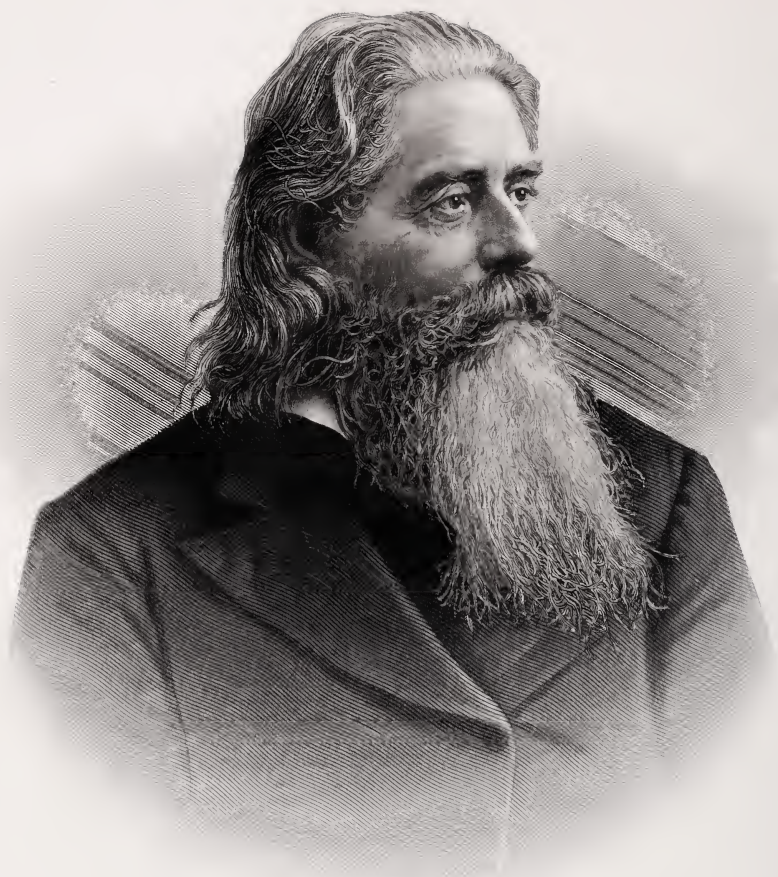
In the summer of 1879 Mr. and Mrs. Patton visited Sitka, Alaska, and then made the tour of Washington, Oregon, and California, visiting all points of interest. They were so much pleased with San Diego, Cal., then a small town of about two thousand people, that they afterward spent three different winters there, and watched with interest the growth of the city to its present size and importance.

Among Mrs. Patton's musical compositions the best known are "Kind Words Can Never Die," and Tennyson's "Ring Out Wild Bells." In 1891 she published a little volume, entitled "A Handful of Pebbles," consisting of her poems, interspersed with paragraphs and proverbs, containing the essence of her happy philosophy. Many of these "Pebbles," both in prose and verse, are gems of wise and happy expression.

Mrs. Patton was closely identified with nearly every reformatory enterprise for benefiting the human race. She was interested in the education of women, and was an earnest believer in woman suffrage, which movement she aided by tongue and pen. Her hand was ever ready to help the needy, and her words to give courage to the weary and hopeless. Religious creeds had no interest for her. She fellow-shipped all good people, whether Protestants, Catholics, or Agnostics.

The last occasion upon which Mrs. Patton appeared in public, except at the funeral of Whittier, was purely accidental, and occurred August 3, 1892. Senator William E. Chandler had presented a statue of John P. Hale to the state of New Hampshire, and under the direction of Governor Hiram A. Tuttle and his councilors, fitting services of dedication were being held. Councilor George A. Ramsdell was





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presiding; Colonel Daniel Hall, the principal orator of the day, was delivering a masterly address upon the life and character of Senator Hale. In the midst of his oration, having spoken something more than an hour, he fell in a fainting fit, and remained insensible for more than half an hour. There was an audience of but little less than ten thousand gathered about the stand in the state-house yard and adjoining streets. The venerable ex-speaker, Galusha A. Grow, was upon the platform expecting to follow Colonel Hall, but did not feel inclined to speak until the orator's condition was better understood. Fred. Douglass, John W. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Patton were also on the platform, and the trio kindly yielded to the request of the presiding officer to sing some of the old-time anti-slavery songs. It was a beautiful sight: Mrs. Patton, standing with her brother, John W., on one side, and Fred. Douglass on the other, held the audience spellbound for half an hour, after which the regular order of exercises was resumed.

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#### JOHN W. HUTCHINSON.

John W. Hutchinson, the thirteenth of the sixteen children of Jesse and Mary Leavitt Hutchinson, was born Jan. 4, 1821, and for many years led the life incident to all farmers' boys of New Hampshire. His musical genius was developed at a very early age. Before he could read the staff he could sing his part correctly, and at the age of seven he could manage any of the simple tunes then in vogue.

He was second in the renowned quartette made up of Judson, John, Asa, and Abby. Judson was four years his senior, Asa was younger by two years, and Abby by eight years.

Outside of the quartette several members of the family acquired reputation as public singers, but whenever the Hutchinson family is spoken of in the vicinity of their birthplace, it is understood reference is made to the three brothers and one sister who made the quartette. The sketch of the family upon other pages of this volume, together with the elaborate history of the family by John W. Hutchinson, in two volumes, furnishes all obtainable information needed to a correct understanding of the musical career of this talented family.

John W. seems at all times and in all places to accord to Jesse a higher degree of genius than that possessed by other members of the family. But in the opinion of those who have known the family for half a century, or more, there seems to be a general assent to the statement that no one of the family, from the beginning to the end, has contributed so much to its name and its fame as John W. Bold, ambitious, and inflexible, there could be but one result to anything of which he was a promoter. He was, and is, a natural leader. Radical in many things, progressive in all, he has never found himself with-

out that conservatism which has enabled him to live a successful life from whatever point the observation is taken. As an investor in real estate in his native town, as one of the founders of the town of Hutchinson in Minnesota, as the owner and developer of the estate in Lynn, known as High Rock, he has manifested the qualities of a successful business man.

Mr. Hutchinson married, Feb. 21, 1843, Fannie B. Patch of Lowell, Mass., a woman of musical ability of the highest order, often taking part in her husband's concerts. To them three children were born,—Henry J., Viola, and Judson Whittier, all vocalists. After the death of Judson the "Tribe of John" was organized within his own family. Henry and Viola won laurels as they joined with their parents in hundreds if not thousands of successful concerts. The "Tribe of John" never forgot that they had a *mission*. They continued to press home to the hearts of the people, "Oh! Liberate the Bondman." For two years Mr. Hutchinson traveled with his family through New England with horse and carriage, rejoicing the hearts of the faithful.

There was no more devoted or effective worker for the election of Abraham Lincoln than Mr. Hutchinson. He had the pleasure of singing to him when, as president-elect, he passed through New York, and was present at his inauguration. When war came Mr. Hutchinson was at the post of duty. He visited the recruiting stations, and, by speech and song, encouraged and inspired both officers and privates. After the terrible repulse of the Union troops at Bull Run, Mr. Hutchinson, with his son and daughter, visited Washington, and, after a series of concerts, was invited to go to Virginia and sing to the troops. Obtaining an appointment from Secretary Cameron, he entered at once upon this service. At the first concert, at Fairfax Seminary, their allusions to slavery were received with hisses, and a turbulent scene ensued. The offensive words were in the newly-written poem of Whittier, which Mr. Hutchinson had wedded to music as inspiring,—

"What gives the wheat-fields blades of steel?  
What points the rebel cannon?  
What sets the warring rebel heel  
On the old star-spangled pennon?  
What breaks the oath of the men of the South?  
What whets the knife of the Union's life?  
Hark to the answer! Slavery!"

With the word "slavery" came a hiss. The officer in command declared this act an insult alike to the singers and the "old flag," and if the hiss was repeated the disturber should leave the church. A young surgeon from New Jersey arose and said: "You had better commence on me." The major replied, "I can put you out myself, and if I fail, I have a regiment that can and will." Thereupon the two thousand soldiers arose *en masse*, and the shout "Put him out!



put him out!" was heard in all directions. The audience was soon quieted, and the concert proceeded to the close without further interruption. The affair was brought to the notice of General McClellan. An order was issued expelling the "Hutchinson family" from the lines. Mr. Hutchinson did not silently submit to this act of arbitrary tyranny, and appealed to the president. Salmon P. Chase read the "obnoxious" song at the next cabinet meeting. The president said, "It is just the character of song I desire the soldiers to hear," and re-instated Mr. Hutchinson. The Hutchinsons were always active in the temperance cause. From 1841, when they sang "King Alcohol" in old Deacon Giles's distillery, in Salem, one or more temperance songs have been included in their programme. At the close of the war Mr. Hutchinson secured Cooper Institute, in New York, and, associating with him several notable workers, inaugurated a series of popular "Sunday Evening Union Temperance Meetings." These were continued for several years, and effected a revival of the temperance cause. Mr. Hutchinson's services were sought by the state organizations, and he conducted fully a thousand temperance conventions under their auspices.

Since the close of the war, which resulted in the abolition of human slavery, Mr. Hutchinson has continued his good work in the temperance cause, working in season and out of season to rid his country of the curse of intoxicating drink. He has also been known as an ardent worker for the enlargement of the sphere of woman. In fact, it would be difficult to name any worthy cause which has not found in him an ardent and successful advocate. A careful perusal of his history of the Hutchinson family will show how fully his life has been filled with work, and how few months have passed when he has not appeared in public either as a concert giver or to aid some meritorious cause. Within a few days from the date of writing this sketch, Dec. 9, 1899, this gifted singer and reformer will pass into his eightieth year. He has survived not only his father and mother, brothers and sisters, but his wife and children with the exception of his daughter Viola, who, with her family, makes her home with her father at High Rock, Lynn. To-day his eye is not dim, and his voice retains in a very high degree the characteristics which it had sixty years ago.

To few men has it been given to face so large a number of popular audiences; few men have had so wide an acquaintance with prominent men in this and other lands, and it must stand as a great credit to the subject of this sketch that notwithstanding he has been the recipient of applause to a degree vouchsafed to few if any of his fellow-men, it has not seemed to turn his head or cause him to relax his efforts in any of the causes he has so long had at heart.

## BAINBRIDGE WADLEIGH.

[This sketch was prepared by Judge R. M. Wallace.]

Bainbridge Wadleigh was born in Bradford, Jan. 4, 1831. His father, John Dow Wadleigh, was a well-to-do farmer of good New England stock, born in Sutton, March 21, 1801. His mother, Huldah Gillingham, born in Newbury, Nov. 3, 1803, died when Bainbridge was three years old, leaving him and an older sister, Huldah, who developed rare talents, but died in early womanhood. When Bainbridge was five years old, his father married for his second wife, Lydia Jane Straw, of Hopkinton.

As a child, Bainbridge was delicate and always more fond of books and reading than of the sports which most boys enjoy. He studied with private teachers and at the public schools. At the age of fourteen he was ready to enter college, but was obliged to abandon the project, as his physicians warned him that his health would not permit him to confine himself to close study. For the next two years he lived as much as possible out of doors, and by a careful attention to physical culture laid the foundation for a moderate degree of health. The loss of his college course was always a great regret to him.

At the age of sixteen he entered the law office of Mason W. Tappan in Bradford, and there began the study of his chosen profession.

At this time Bradford had debating societies and lyceums, where Bainbridge was accustomed to speak, and his voice was often heard in bitter denunciation of slavery and its effect upon the government, as well as upon other vital subjects.

As a student, he excelled in mathematics and his lessons were easily mastered. He had a remarkable memory and was able to quote page after page of his favorite authors.

Early in life he began to read aloud to strengthen his throat and lungs, and it was his delight all through his life to thus study the famous speeches of Webster, Erskine, Fox, Grattan, Burke, Mirabeau, and others.

In 1850, at the age of nineteen, he was admitted to the bar and immediately began the practice of law in Milford. He entered the law office of Solomon K. Livermore, and while clients were few, he gave himself to the further study of jurisprudence.

He not only studied law, but spent days and nights in reading the best literature. With his first earnings he purchased the books which formed the nucleus of one of the largest and best selected law and general libraries in New Hampshire.

He looked upon the law as a jealous mistress, which he enjoyed as a profession and means of culture. He was one of the early anti-slavery men, voting and acting with them when their cause seemed to be in a hopeless minority not only in New Hampshire, but throughout the country.



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He was much interested in the affairs of the town, and was moderator in the Milford annual town-meeting six times, and served on special occasions in the same capacity.

In 1855, when twenty-four years of age, he was elected to the state legislature from Milford, and served acceptably during that and the following year. Again in 1859, 1860, 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872, he was a member of the house from Milford. He served upon many important committees and was chairman of the Judiciary. He was a convincing debater and parliamentarian. During the last four years of his services in the state legislature he was the acknowledged leader of the house not only in debate, but in the influence he exercised over his fellow-members.

During the last year but one of his services in the New Hampshire legislature, the two political parties were very nearly balanced in the house, and party feeling was strong, but Mr. Wadleigh, by his skillful management and by the active part he took in the debates so materially aided the Republicans that, although he was not a candidate and did not seek the office, at the next session of the legislature, in 1872, when they had a clear majority, they recognized his services and capacity by electing him United States senator.

Mr. Wadleigh served one term in the United States senate. He did valuable service on the Committee on Patents and on the Committee on Claims, and on a special committee to investigate Southern elections. As a member of the latter committee, he spent a large part of one winter in Louisiana. The political crimes in that state filled him with indignation.

While chairman of the Committee on Patents, in the forty-fifth congress, he framed and carried through the senate a bill for reforming the patent system. No revision of the patent laws had been made since 1836. Prior to 1836, the whole number of patents which had been issued was less than 10,000. In 1877 the number had grown to over 200,000. The East, as the centre of the manufacturing interests, owned and controlled most of the patent rights of the country; while the West, in the prosecution of its great agricultural and mining interests and in the development of a new country, was obliged to look to the East for patented inventions. By undue expansion of patent rights, and in other ways, a wrong had been done to both East and West, and the dissatisfaction became so great that it invaded the houses of congress, and the West arrayed itself against the East on that question. The destruction of the whole patent system seemed to be threatened. The contest was finally carried before the Committee on Patents in the senate, and this committee, with Senator Wadleigh presiding, through many sessions, heard the evidence on both sides and deliberated upon the changes which should be made. The result was a bill which was carried through the senate after a debate which covered a period of four weeks. Although it failed to pass the house, the principles of



some of its provisions were afterwards adopted by the supreme court as law by construction. The discussion in the senate and in committee did much to enlighten the people of the country upon the patent system.

Senator Wadleigh was opposed to the remonetization of silver and the exclusion of the Chinese. He was in favor of the repeal of the moiety law, the control of railroad corporations in the territories, and national interference in political affairs in the South.

He was a keen, courageous, unrelenting foe of jobs and corruption. Those were the palmy days of political "speculations" at Washington, and Senator Wadleigh had an outspoken scorn for such practices. No suspicion of intrigue for private interests ever attached itself to his name in his political life.

Senator Wadleigh's independent position and course while in the senate was the distinguishing characteristic of his public life, and probably was the reason why he was not reelected to the senate. Senator Thurman, who was of the opposite party, once said of him in an antagonistic speech upon the subject of national interference in the political affairs of the South, that he was not only a bold but a brave man to dare to separate himself from his party upon certain issues, but also a brave and bold man to return to his party upon another phase of the same subject.

He was recognized by his associates as a man of strong convictions and one who had the courage to live up to them. He had the interests of his constituents at heart, but he had little patience with the petty errand-doing which is often demanded, even at the expense of great public interests.

While in Washington he cared very little for the gay social life of the city. His attractive personality, his integrity and well-balanced judgment drew to him the friendship of the strongest men of both parties in the senate. He became the friend and admirer of President Grant, and the intimate friend and ally of the late Senator Morton, the distinguished war governor of Indiana.

For recreation Senator Wadleigh studied French which he had never known before this time. Beginning with Michielet's History of the French, in a few months he mastered the language and its construction so that he could easily read and write it, although he never learned to speak it. His books were his delight, and as he was particularly fond of history, he appreciated the opportunities for research which he found in the great Congressional library.

At the close of his senatorial term in 1879, he took up his residence in Boston, and there continued the practice of his profession. In 1882 he conducted a difficult and protracted investigation before a legislative committee which led to the removal of one of the judiciary. Mr. Wadleigh's argument in the case showed his skill as a constitutional lawyer, and forcibly reaffirmed a great constitutional right.

In 1884, growing distaste at the methods of certain politicians and the renomination of Mr. Blaine for president prevailed upon Mr. Wadleigh to abandon the Republican party for a time and to favor the election of Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Wadleigh made many public speeches and was effective in making independent voters at this time. He believed in putting statesmanship and the welfare of country before party fealty.

While in Washington Mr. Wadleigh suffered very much from malaria contracted in that enervating climate. He had not been long at the Boston Bar before a malady made its appearance which slowly but surely sapped his vigorous manhood, and on Jan. 24, 1891, he died at an age when he should have been at the full height of his powers. He is buried in Milford, the town he loved so well.

No life of Mr. Wadleigh would be complete without mention of his wife and the great influence she had upon him. In January, 1853, when twenty-two years old, he married Ann Maria Putnam, daughter of Daniel Putnam, of Milford. She had an unusually beautiful face and character. Dignity, frankness, and self-control were combined with honesty of expression both of face and word. She at once gained the confidence of all who met her and the deepest affection from those who knew her. She had great good sense and a purity of purpose, and a depth of sympathy which made her a trusted friend and counselor. She died in 1879, deeply mourned by those to whom she had always given a wise, calm judgment, and the best thought and service of her life.

Four daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wadleigh, two of whom are still living, Helen Putnam, wife of Samuel Hoar, of Concord, Mass., and Caroline, wife of Washington B. Thomas, of Boston, Mass.

The rugged soil of New Hampshire was always dear to Mr. Wadleigh's heart. He cared little for travel or the life of cities. He loved to go to his native town and wander over the hills and by the streams which he had known as a boy, and the wit and humor of the country people were the oft-repeated theme of his reminiscences.

As a lawyer he combined the qualities of tenacity and persistency with the seemingly opposite qualities of a kindly, genial, and companionable temperament. He was considerate in his relations with and treatment of his brother lawyers. This was especially the case in his treatment of young lawyers associated with him in a case or opposed to him. He not only treated them with the greatest consideration but always willingly gave them full credit and praise for the services which they had rendered.

It has been said of him that he grew with a case as it developed, gaining strength at every step and becoming more and more confident to the end. He had a remarkable aptitude for the trial of

causes, combined with effective powers of advocacy, and when in middle life in the fulness of his activity he espoused any cause with his accustomed zeal and energy, he was a formidable antagonist. He had unquestioned ability, but his success was due quite as much to his unceasing industry, his powers of concentration and his unswerving fidelity to his clients.

Mr. Wadleigh was a tall, strongly built, handsome man with a keen sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and a perfect command of all his powers. His manner before a jury was easy and colloquial, he was sure to tell them some story which put them in good humor, and he was a master of that shrewd common-sense way of presenting a case, which although apparently blunt, is really persuasive, and has always been as effective as eloquence. He was a social, genial man and companion. He had a wonderful fund of story and anecdote with which he enjoyed regaling his friends and acquaintances. He was a firm and staunch friend in trouble as well as prosperity. No more generous or magnanimous man ever lived. He could strike hard in open warfare, but it was easy for him to forgive and forget, and even of those who had injured him most he would speak with a laugh which was far more humorous than cynical.

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#### JOHN MILLS.

John Mills was born Feb. 2, 1810. He married, Dec. 25, 1834, Sarah, daughter of Aaron K. and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam of Wilton. She was a noble woman of fine presence and high character. She died December, 1857. Their children were Sarah Naomi, born Dec. 15, 1835; George Thompson, born Nov. 8, 1839; Charles Wendall, born Jan. 27, 1844; died from disease contracted in the army, Aug. 23, 1863. He married, Jan. 25, 1858, Elvira Davis of Temple, who made him a most devoted wife. Their children are Walter Maynard, born July 20, 1860; John, Jr., born May 17, 1864; Benton, born Feb. 14, 1870; Anna Davis, born Oct. 25, 1871.

Mr. Mills was the grandson of Capt. John Mills, who was an officer and fought in the battles of Bunker Hill, Bennington, and at the Cedars, at which latter place he was taken prisoner. Capt. Mills was a native of Mont Vernon, and died in 1812. His son Ebenezer, who was the father of the subject of this sketch, was born April 23, 1770, and married Hannah W. Upton of Amherst, and died in the army at Burlington, Vt., in 1812.

It will be seen that Mr. Mills comes from good old revolutionary stock. But while this is true he was anything but a fighter in his make up and disposition. He was one of the most harmless of men; a delightful companion, a true friend. He was educated in the common schools and had but limited advantages in those. He was a great reader, and by this habit became a man of remarkable intelli-



*John Mills*





gence. He was passionately fond of music, had a fine poetic taste, and was singularly familiar with the great poets. He was an especial admirer of Burns, and he could repeat his poems at great length. His tastes were of a high order; his habits clean and flawless. Temperate, moderate in action, strictly honest, he became a strong, respected, honorable citizen. He spent most of his life in Milford. Elsewhere in this volume there is an allusion to his business career as being a pioneer in New Hampshire in the boot business, manufacturing an article that was known everywhere throughout New England, and conducting with fair success this business enterprise, which was among the best that Milford has ever had. He never held office, but took a keen interest in civic affairs, and few names are more fully identified with the history of the town than his. He was an original abolitionist, of the most pronounced kind, and was among the most active workers in that great cause in Milford. He was everybody's friend; he was a model in his home, the kindest of husbands and the best of fathers. He retained his activity and vigor, as well as his intelligence and fine discriminating taste, to the very last of his life, and was a constant delight and blessing to his neighbors and friends, and particularly to his family and children. He was without guile, pure in heart, thought, and speech. His death occurred March 6, 1892.

“Man is his own star; and that soul that can  
Be honest is the only perfect man.”

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#### GEORGE F. BARTLETT.

Deacon George F. Bartlett, son of Abner H. Bartlett, and Sally (Fisher) Bartlett, and grandson of Isaac Bartlett, who was the first of the name to settle in town, was born March 24, 1826, in the north-westerly part of the town, where he spent the greater part of his life, as his father and grandfather had done before him.

December 19, 1848, at the age of 22 years, he married Caroline Tonkin, daughter of Rev. H. Tonkin, at that time pastor of the Baptist church at Wilton. Five children were born to them,—Herbert L., now in trade here; Lucius G., a salesman in Boston; Alice V., who married H. M. Lewis, and died in 1885; Harry E., who died at the age of 12 years, in 1870; Ralph C., who now lives on Federal Hill.

Deacon Bartlett united with the Baptist church in 1851; was elected a deacon in 1853, taking the place of his father, who had long been a pillar in the church. He continued to hold this office until his death, Dec. 4, 1897, at the age of 71 years.

Deacon Bartlett was one of the many intelligent, progressive, and successful farmers which the town has produced.

In 1893, on account of failing health, he sold his farm, and until the time of his decease made his home with his son Herbert, in the village. From the beginning of his active life his service to his

family, the church, and the town was of the highest order. No man had a better comprehension of the duties of a good citizen, and no one was ever more faithful to his convictions. Possessed of good judgment, his advice was often sought by his neighbors. His first public office was in the school district in which he lived. A good English education reinforced by extensive reading, rendered his services unusually valuable in this connection. He served upon the board of selectmen in 1856, '58, '68, '69, '70, '73, in all six years. He represented the town in the legislature in 1860, and was re-elected in 1861.

His death was a great loss to the Baptist church in which he honored his profession and his high office for so many years.

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### JUDGE JONAS HUTCHINSON.

Judge Jonas Hutchinson, the son of Abel and Betsey Bartlett Hutchinson, was born in Milford, Jan. 10, 1840. His immigrant ancestor was Richard Hutchinson, who came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., as early as 1636. From him Judge Hutchinson's line of descent is through Joseph, Benjamin, Benjamin, Nathan—one of the first settlers of Milford (1748). Nathan Hutchinson, Jr., was born in Milford, 1752; married Rebecca Peabody, daughter of William and Rebecca Smith Peabody and great-great-granddaughter of Lieut. Francis Peabody, the immigrant ancestor of that distinguished family. Abel, the father of Judge Jonas, was one of their children. Isaac Bartlett, his grandfather upon his mother's side, was one of the prominent and respected men of the town. His maternal grandmother was also a descendant of the first Richard Hutchinson, through Joseph, third son of Joseph (first).

When Jonas was ten years old, his mother, then a widow, moved from her farm to the village, and there he attended school until he was sixteen, when he became a clerk in the store of Charles R. and William R. Wallace, and continued there until the fall of 1857, when he went to the academy at Mont Vernon, and from there, in 1859, entered Dartmouth and graduated in the class of 1863. Prior to this he had taught school in Lyndeborough, Milford, and Amherst, and afterwards in Columbus, Ohio, where for one year, 1863-'64, he was assistant teacher in the high school, and during the two following years he was principal of the school. For a short time, after he left teaching, he represented the publishing house of D. Appleton & Co., of New York, introducing their series of school books in Illinois and adjacent states. In 1867 he entered upon the study of law in the office of Sweetzer & Gardner, in Boston, and continued it with Bainbridge Wadleigh, in Milford, and was admitted to the bar in New Hampshire in March, 1869, and at once removed to Chicago, where he was admitted to the Illinois bar and has ever since resided, practising his profession or being upon the bench. He was for a time



*Jonas Hutchinson*



connected with James H. Roberts and Morris St. P. Thomas, under the firm names of Roberts & Hutchinson and Roberts, Hutchinson & Thomas. From April, 1889, to April, 1891, he was corporation counsel to the city of Chicago, during the administration of Mayor Cregier. In November, 1891, he was elected judge of the superior court of Cook county, Illinois, of which Chicago is the county seat, for one year, to fill the unexpired term of Judge John P. Altgeld, who resigned preparatory to his campaign for governor. Judge Hutchinson was reelected for the full term of six years, in November, 1892, receiving more votes than any candidate on any ticket, and more votes than President Cleveland, who ran ahead of the Democratic ticket. Judge Hutchinson was again reelected for the full term in November, 1898, and although the Democratic ticket was beaten by a large majority, the Judge was elected. The endorsement of the bar at a bar primary and the ratification of the action of the bar by the daily press, regardless of politics, were potent factors in his election, and bespeak his popularity among his professional brethren and the public generally.

The superior court is a court of general common law and chancery jurisdiction, and differs from the circuit court of Cook county in name only.

Judge Hutchinson is *ex-officio* judge of the criminal court of Cook county, and alternates with his brother judges in holding that court. During his years upon the bench he has made an excellent record, and is highly esteemed by his professional brethren. His even temperament and excellent executive ability, coupled with his comprehensive knowledge of the law and his admitted familiarity with the current leading decisions of the courts, bearing upon the various questions coming before him to decide, secure a dispatch of business pleasing to litigants and lawyers. It is said of him that no lawyer ever leaves his court feeling that he has been unjustly treated or that the Judge has forgotten that he was once a lawyer himself.

Judge Hutchinson has always been a Democrat. He was for several years chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee of Cook county, and at three successive Democratic county conventions has been nominated for judge and three times elected, and is now serving his third term upon the bench.

In the face of this brief history, showing the rise of Judge Hutchinson from the farm, the store, the school, the college, the law, to the bench, it is not necessary, and he would not approve, that we speak of him in a fulsome way. His life, already crowned with splendid success, as here narrated, is all that is necessary to make him worthy of this honorable and enduring mention. His name will be enshrined among the sons of New Hampshire who have been an honor to the state.

In 1876 he married, at Springfield, Ill., Miss Letitia Brown, of Lexington, Ky., a woman of rare culture and refinement, and has



two children, Helen, named for his sister Helen, and Jonas, named for his father; his father being named for his uncle, Dr. Jonas Hutchinson, who, for nearly forty years, practised medicine with marked success in Hancock and Milford.

Judge Hutchinson is the last surviving member of his family. He had three sisters, Elizabeth, Jerusha, and Helen, and five brothers, Fordyce, George, Andrew, Isaac, and Nathan, all of whom, with one exception, were born in Milford, and all are buried there, as are his father and mother. All have gone to

“That God, which ever lives and loves,  
One God, one law, one element,  
And one far-off divine event,  
To which the whole creation moves.”

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### TIMOTHY KALEY.

Hon. Timothy Kaley was born in Ireland, May 8, 1817; died in Milford, Sept. 8, 1882.

Mr. Kaley came to this country in early life. He was without means, but had in large measure the elements of success, courage, energy, perseverance, and honesty. With these he commenced his career; by them he won an enviable place in the social, business, and political world, and a reasonable competence. His opportunities for education in his boyhood were limited. At a very early age he was taken from school to assist in the maintenance of the family. This was at the time when a day's work covered thirteen hours of hard labor. Mr. Kaley, by attendance upon evening schools and the occupation of every hour that he could command in study at home, obtained a reasonably good education. For a time he worked in the mills and machine shops of Lowell and Canton, Mass. In 1850 he established himself in business at Canton, and in 1860 at Milford, the style of the firm being Morse, Kaley & Co.

From the day Mr. Kaley became a citizen of Milford, until the day of his decease, he ranked among the most enterprising and progressive citizens of the town. It was his purpose to have the factory under his management produce only the best of goods. The product of his mill became known throughout the United States, and was everywhere recognized as the best of its class.

Mr. Kaley was interested in the moral and religious as well as the material interests of the town, contributing largely to the church and its benevolent objects. During his career of more than forty years no business transaction of his was ever the subject of criticism. He early espoused the anti-slavery cause, and was an open and earnest advocate of total abstinence. In politics he was first a Free Soiler, and afterwards a Republican. In 1876 he was a member of the legislature from his adopted town, and reëlected in 1877. During





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both sessions he was an active member of the house of representatives, advocating, among other things, the erection of the new state prison. Mr. Kaley was a good public speaker, and easily commanded the attention of gatherings which he addressed. He afterwards was a senator from the Amherst district, and filled out his term of two years with credit to himself and to the town.

He married Sarah W. Upham, Oct. 4, 1838. Of this marriage there were three children, all now deceased. His second wife was Sarah Jane Hersey, to whom he was married in 1852. She came of the Hersey family which emigrated from England in 1640. Of this marriage there were two children, one of whom survives, Col. F. E. Kaley. His third wife was Mary Fuller, to whom he was married June 26, 1862. Of this marriage there was one child, now deceased. His fourth wife was Lucy E. Billings, to whom he was married Feb. 24, 1873. Mrs. Kaley is now living.

Mr. Kaley died at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried from the Congregational church, to the support of which he contributed liberally, and whose services he attended when there were no services in town of the Protestant Episcopal church, of which he was a communicant.

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#### FRANK E. KALEY.

Col. Frank E. Kaley, the son of Timothy and Sarah Jane (Hersey) Kaley, was born in Canton, Mass., March 13, 1856. He came to Milford with his father in 1860; was educated in the public schools; entered the employ of Morse, Kaley & Co., of which his father was the active partner and manager, at the age of sixteen, and under whose precepts and example he was trained to business. At the decease of his father, in 1882, he was elected treasurer of the Morse & Kaley Mfg. Co., which position he holds to-day. The continued success of this well-established house can be referred largely to the arduous labors and successful management of Colonel Kaley. He is a director of the Souhegan National bank; president of the Milford Building and Loan Association; trustee of the Granite Savings bank; director and vice-president of the Milford Tanning Co.; member of the board of Water Commissioners. The thrift and business enterprise which is apparent in Milford to-day has come largely from the fact that it has an unusual number of comparatively young men, of whom Colonel Kaley is a representative, all of whom are doing their best not only to hold the town where it has been placed by those who have preceded them but to advance it beyond anything which has been attained in the past.

Colonel Kaley was a member of the legislature in 1893 and 1894, and reelected in 1895 and 1896; was chairman of the committee on appropriations; was member of Governor Currier's staff, with the rank of colonel; was appointed a member of the National Commis-

sion for the World's Fair for New Hampshire in 1890, serving until the close of the fair.

Colonel Kaley married Harriet Ellen, daughter of William R. and Harriet Gardner Wallace, Oct. 9, 1885.

Mrs. Kaley is a descendant of William Wallace, one of the first settlers in town. She is also a descendant of Benjamin French, the first of that name in town. They have one child, Barbara, born July 12, 1891.

Colonel Kaley is an attendant upon and a liberal contributor to the services of the Congregational church.



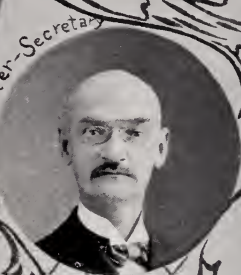
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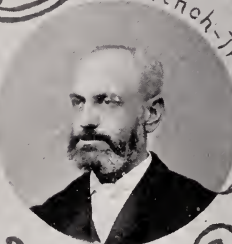
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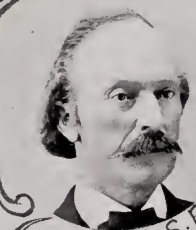
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## CHAPTER XXIV.

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The selectmen of Milford through their representatives to the general court of the state of New Hampshire, asked permission for the town to appropriate money for the proper celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation, and the following act was passed:

*An act authorizing the town of Milford to appropriate money to celebrate the centennial of said town:*

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives in general court convened,

SEC. 1. That the town of Milford in the county of Hillsborough is hereby authorized and empowered to raise, appropriate, and expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars for the purpose of celebrating the centennial of said town.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Approved Feb. 16, 1893.)

An article was inserted in the warrant for the annual town-meeting, held on Tuesday, March 14, 1893, as follows: "To see if the town will vote to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation, and raise and appropriate money for the same."

The town voted to have a celebration, and chose as a committee to have charge of the arrangements, Messrs. J. W. Crosby, J. E. Foster, Eli S. Burns, E. C. Hutchinson, H. L. Bartlett, Geo. A. Worcester, and Clarence J. Gutterson, and raised and appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars to defray the expense of the same.

(At a subsequent meeting the appropriation was increased to one thousand dollars, and W. F. French chosen a member of the committee, in place of H. L. Bartlett, who declined to serve.)

The committee met in the selectmen's room in the town house, on Saturday, March 25, 1893, and chose Col. John W. Crosby, chairman, Geo. A. Worcester, secretary, and W. F. French, treasurer. It was voted that the celebration be held during the week commencing June 17, 1894. (This date was later changed to the 26th.) Also voted that the Hon. C. H. Burns of Wilton be invited to deliver the oration.

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### INVITATION TO AMHERST.

It was voted to invite the town of Amherst to participate in the exercises, and the following invitation was sent:



*The town of Milford to her mother town of Amherst sendeth greeting:*

WHEREAS, the town of Milford proposes to celebrate in a fitting manner the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation, on June 26, 1894, therefore, we do most cordially invite you to be officially represented upon that occasion by such delegation as you may be pleased to send.

The Centennial Committee,  
JOHN W. CROSBY,  
*Chairman.*

GEO. A. WORCESTER,  
*Secretary.*

Amherst responded to this invitation by electing the following named gentlemen to represent her at these exercises:

Edward D. Boylston, James F. Weston, Geo. E. Farley, Horace Harvell, Alfred J. McGown, Daniel A. Fletcher, Isaac B. Dodge, Edwin K. Burt, Wm. B. Rotch, Geo. W. Bosworth, Frank Harts-horn, Granville Parker, James U. Prince, Eugene C. Hubbard.

#### COMMITTEES.

At meetings of the town committee held at subsequent dates, the following special committees were appointed:

President of the Day.—Judge Robert M. Wallace.

Chief Marshal.—Col. F. E. Kaley.

Reception.—John McLane, F. T. Sawyer, F. E. Kaley, J. E. Foster, C. E. Knight, J. W. Crosby, J. M. Burns, Wm. M. Knowlton, W. W. Howard, H. C. Buxton, C. H. V. Smith, M. F. Crosby.

Invitations, Printing, and Badges.—G. A. Worcester, E. C. Hutchinson.

Banquet.—G. V. Tarlton, J. N. Stevens, W. W. Dodge, W. F. French, A. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. E. Webster, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mrs. R. H. Pierce, Mrs. O. H. Foster.

Grounds and Tent.—E. C. Hutchinson, G. A. Worcester.

Press.—W. B. Rotch, E. E. Hill, E. M. Stanyan, W. W. Hemenway.

Programme and Music.—F. W. Richardson, F. W. Farnsworth, C. S. Emerson, Mrs. J. McLane, Mrs. B. F. Foster.

Decorations.—H. H. Barber, W. A. Guild, F. W. Sawyer, B. F. Foster, G. A. Worcester.

Procession.—C. E. Kendall, B. R. Came, E. S. Heald, J. T. Young, A. W. Howison, H. A. Wilkins, W. R. Howard, G. W. Tarbell, E. C. Hutchinson, J. C. Merrill, F. B. Bartlett.

Fireworks.—E. C. Hutchinson, J. McLane, G. A. Worcester.

Bicycle Parade and Race.—L. H. Hall, B. Mills, W. J. Elliott.

Historical Loan and Art Collection.—Mrs. J. McLane, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mrs. H. H. Barber, Mrs. J. E. Webster, Mrs. W. K. Emerson.

## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.

According to the invitation of the centennial committee, the various ministers of the town prepared a program, and invited their people and all interested, to unite in the town hall, on Sunday evening, the 24th, for a union service, thus initiating in a very befitting manner, the centennial celebration of the week. The Rev. A. J. Rich acted as chairman, read the Scriptural selections, furnished the original hymn with which the service closed, and pronounced the benediction, which Rev. Joseph Manuel was prevented from doing by absence from town. Rev. F. L. Knapp led the people in a helpful prayer, and a chorus choir under the leadership of C. W. Edwards, rendered excellent music. Rev. H. P. Peck, having been chosen by his brethren as pastor of the oldest church on the soil, delivered an address on the "Past and Future Work of the Churches in Milford."

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## THE DAY'S OBSERVANCE.

Tuesday, the 26th of June, the day appointed for the observance of the 100th anniversary of the settlement of the town, dawned fair and bright. It was a proud day for Milford. And as has been said:

"Those having in charge the observances, knew well when the grass was greenest, and the beautiful trees that adorn our streets were wont to put on their richest dress; when the birds sing their sweetest welcome, and the golden robin comes back from the sunny south to its cherished home in their branches, and they chose that month to call back and welcome, and to rejoice with the scattered sons and daughters of our good old town.

"The response was hearty as the invitation was cordial, and the occasion was one of the commingling of kindred spirits, as when a long severed family once again gather about the 'old hearthstone' and talk over and rejoice in the recollections of early scenes and associations the familiar places and faces inspire."

The public and private decorations on the occasion, which were profuse, were tastefully, and many of them elegantly, arranged by Colonel Beals of Boston, whose ability and skill in this direction are unsurpassed. The public buildings were arrayed in gay attire, with chaste and elegant adornment of a varied character.

It would be an almost endless undertaking to describe all of the decorations; it would be easier to give the list of houses not decorated. It is safe to say that 99 per cent. of the houses, except on the extreme outskirts, made some kind of a display. About all of the houses on the line of march were hidden behind flags, bunting, streamers, shields, and other decorations, signifying the spirit of the dweller therein, and impressing visitors and strangers with the sincere welcome extended by an hospitable people.

The day was ushered in by the ringing of bells and the firing of an early morning salute by "Mollie Stark."

"Mollie Stark" is one of four cannons captured by the intrepid Stark at the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, and is of French make, and after its capture did valiant service for the Americans. Two of its mates are preserved in the capitol of Vermont, and this one is the property of New Boston by right of conquest.

The first spectacle to be witnessed was the bicycle parade at 8 o'clock, which was participated in by nearly sixty riders, the procession being headed by Mills, Hall, and Elliott. The wheels, many of them, were gaily decorated with flags and colored ribbons. The route was over the one pursued by the regular procession later in the day. The citizens along the line were greatly pleased with the finest parade of this nature that the town ever witnessed.

At 9 A. M. was the dedication of the Col. O. W. Lull Memorial Fountain.

While these exercises were taking place, a great concourse of people from the neighboring towns were filling the streets. The bands were giving open air concerts, and the trade procession was forming on the several streets, with the head resting on Railroad square, awaiting the arrival of the special train which was to bring the governor and his staff, and many other invited guests.

#### DECORATIONS.

The town hall took precedence in the line of centennial decorations. The front was profusely covered with bunting, including flags and streamers. Across the center was a semi-circular design with the inscription, "100 Anniversary of Milford." Over the front entrance was a large bronzed eagle, underneath of which, and surrounding both sides of the doorway, was a heavy draping of flags and shields. On the south side large flags were displayed in unique design, and in the centre of the building was a large canvas painting, representing a camp scene in soldier life, or as the artist might describe it, Union and Confederate soldiers after the surrender. Also a large inscription, "1794, 100 Anniversary of Milford, Greeting to All." Wide red, white, and blue bunting was festooned along the entire awning in front of the stores.

All other public buildings, business blocks, and manufacturing establishments were elaborately decorated.

Along the line of the procession, and at other points, private residences were decorated with American flags, and red, white, and blue bunting.

In truth, the whole town was in a blaze of red, white, and blue, all decorating their buildings to a greater or less extent. The spirit was universal.

## THE PROCESSION.

At an early hour the several formations that were to constitute a prominent feature in our centennial celebration, assembled at their respective points. The headquarters of the chief marshal, Col. F. E. Kaley, accompanied by his efficient corps of aids, was established at Railroad square. Promptly at the hour the word "forward" came from the chief, and immediately the column proceeded on its way, amid the cheering strains of martial music, waving of flags and banners, and the applause of the multitude, forming one of the most imposing pageants ever witnessed in the enterprising and patriotic town of Milford.

Almost every department of business and trade was represented in the procession. Many carriages and teams of every description also appeared, gaily decorated. The farming interests of the town, with an abundant exhibition of products, made a conspicuous part of the display. The procession was nearly forty minutes passing a given point.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the procession marched down Union street to Union square, through Union square to Nashua street, Nashua to Clinton, Clinton to South, South to Lincoln, Lincoln to Union, Union to Garden, Garden to Cottage, Cottage to Elm, Elm to Union square, through Union square to Amherst, Amherst to Souhegan, Souhegan to Pleasant, Pleasant to Orchard, Orchard to Chestnut, Chestnut to Amherst, Amherst to Grove, Grove to Union square.

Upon the completion of the parade it was reviewed by the governor and his staff and invited guests, assembled on the town hall steps.

The Lafayette Artillery Company of Lyndeborough, which appeared in the parade, is the fourth oldest company in the country, having been formed in 1804, and has maintained its organization ever since.

After the review of the procession the Milford fire department gave an exhibition upon Union square, attracting much favorable comment by their efficiency and promptness.

Dinner was served in a huge tent erected at Endicott park, by caterer John Stevens.

Dinner for two hundred invited guests was served at the banquet hall of the town house, and was in charge of Masseck, caterer from Nashua. The blessing was pronounced by the Rev. Joseph Foster.

## SPORTS.

While a large gathering was assembled in the town hall to listen to the literary exercises there, others gathered at the park to witness the baseball contest between the Milfords and the Matthews of Lowell.

One of the largest gatherings ever assembled at the park witnessed the baseball game. It was a close contest, and resulted in the defeat of the Lowell visitors by a score of 8 to 7.

At 2:20 o'clock, the bicycle race took place, the following named riders having entered the contest: Benton Mills, A. R. Webster, C. F. Isola, Edward Crowell, L. A. Hutchinson, W. J. Elliott, C. A. McLane, Perley Martin, J. T. Gautier, L. H. Hall, A. W. Blanchard.

The point of starting was in front of the town house, over a seven-mile course, up one side of the river and down the other, finishing in front of Bartlett's store. First prize, a \$25 medal, won by Benton Mills, time 25 minutes and 30 3-5 seconds; second prize, \$10 bicycle lantern, Arthur R. Webster; third prize, cyclometer, C. F. Isola.

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### EXERCISES AT THE HALL.

COL. J. W. CROSBY.

Col. J. W. Crosby, chairman of the town committee, called the meeting to order, and spoke as follows:

*Ladies, Friends, and Fellow-citizens :*

We are glad to greet you on this day of days, for dear old Milford, and have you with us to participate in our festivities on this, to us, joyful occasion, and one hundredth anniversary. The matter of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of our incorporation as a town was talked up in town-meeting in the year 1892. It was then decided that we celebrate the centennial in 1894. And our senators and representatives-elect to the legislature of 1893 were instructed to have passed an enabling act by which the town could appropriate money to celebrate its centennial. At the town-meeting in March, 1893, a committee was appointed to arrange for an appropriation for our one hundredth anniversary. And they have worked early and late, with the cordial assistance of the townspeople generally, to make it a success. Whether they have done so or not, we leave you to judge. To those who have gone from our borders, and all others, I would say that we have one of the smartest, prettiest little towns in all creation, and strive by making improvements every year to make it in all respects "the banner town" of the old "Granite state." But my weakness admonishes me that I must not talk at this time. Therefore, we will proceed with the order of exercises at once. Please give your attention to an invocation by a native of Milford, Rev. Joseph C. Foster, D. D:

PRAYER BY REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

O Lord, our God,—our God,—our father's God! we would acknowledge Thee in all our ways, so that our paths may be wisely and safely directed. Thou hast manifested Thyself to us in kindness and love, through the various ways in which Thou hast led us individually and collectively. We may confidently look to Thee as the



God of nations, states, and towns, as well as of individuals. Humbly and devotedly would we thank Thee for what Thou hast been to us as a nation, over the destinies of which thou hast graciously presided; and as a town, in all the history of which Thy guiding and helping hand has been sure. We thank Thee for the auspicious beginning of this town, and for its helpful progress, from year to year, till a full century has ended since it came into worthy existence. Thou hast been known in all the periods of the history which are reviewed with thankfulness and joyfulness to-day. Early was Thy name honored and Thy worship established here. Never has there failed to be the recognition of Thy supremacy afforded by a house of God, in which the inhabitants of the town might assemble as the worshipers of Him from whom all blessings come. Even has Thy wisdom and goodness been seen in the inestimable provision Thou hast made, that with religious privileges educational advantages might be enjoyed. For the churches and the schools we would give Thee thanks. Unto Thee we would ascribe honor, and render praise for the virtue and intelligence, the piety and learning that have been developed in all the years embraced in the centennial period now commemorated. To these advantages and consequent blessings we reverently trace, through thy good providence, the worthy citizenship with which the town has been favored, and the substantial prosperity which has prevailed from generation to generation, making the town honorable and commendable in its record, attractive and delightful for residence, and of pleasant memory as a cherished native place.

As Thou hast been favorable unto the dwellers here in all the hundred years that are past, so wilt continue to prosper and bless in all the affairs of the town, making the future better than the past to all that pertains to true prosperity and honorably successful endeavor. Let the best interests of the people be ensured; let adversity and calamity be averted; let industry and sobriety, temperance and morality, intelligence and religion, have enlarged and ever-enlarging development. May happy homes henceforth be more and more numerous, and all classes and conditions of the inhabitants be virtuous and intelligent, moral and religious. And may this commemorative occasion be the beginning of the brightest and best period in the history of the town, hitherto, and may the next hundred years be crowned with the richest blessings of Thy kind providence and Thine abounding grace. These offerings of thanksgiving and supplication we now devoutly make in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

JUDGE R. M. WALLACE.

*Colonel Crosby:*—I now have the honor and great pleasure of presenting to you as President of the Day, our highly esteemed citizen, Judge Robert M. Wallace.

*Ladies and Gentlemen :*

One hundred years ago the good old town of Milford began its existence, and we have met to-day to celebrate the centennial anniversary of that important event, and to awaken in our minds the memories and inspirations of the past.

To those of the sons and daughters of Milford who do not now reside here, but who in obedience to the ties of birth, or former residence, have returned to show your interest in and loyalty to the town, by participating in the exercise of this day, I bid you in the name of the town and people of Milford, a most hearty and cordial welcome.

Your presence here in such numbers on this occasion gives us the greatest pleasure, and we trust you will find this day spent in revisiting old and familiar scenes in this beautiful Souhegan valley, and in reviving and renewing old associations and friendships, both a pleasant and profitable one.

It is a beautiful and instructive custom to properly commemorate an important event in the life of an individual, or in the history of a community. The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of a town, which recalls and keeps alive the memories of the labors and sacrifices of the fathers in founding a representative New England town like Milford, is an event which their descendants, who are in the slightest degree worthy to succeed them, will never suffer to pass unnoticed or unobserved, but will gratefully and loyally commemorate.

Nowhere does the town hold so important a place in the affairs of the community as in New England. The town system not only furnishes to the people of New England the most perfect form of free government in local affairs, but its influence in educating and training the people in the truest and highest ideas of democracy, and implanting in their minds those fundamental principles which are essential to any form of a Republican government, is without a parallel anywhere else. And from this town system in its relation to the state, supreme in the control of local affairs, yet subordinate in state affairs, sprang the very idea upon which the republic was founded, which, while allowing the several states the right to regulate their own local affairs, gave to the central government supreme control in national affairs. Thus was discovered that great principle which liberty-loving people in all ages of the world had sought for in vain, which makes possible at the same time individual freedom and home rule in local affairs, and a strong, central national government as a safeguard against internal strife and foreign aggression. The first settlers of this town, both before and after its incorporation, endured great hardships and privations. It is difficult for us at this time to thoroughly realize the discomforts, difficulties, and dangers of going into a wilderness, beset with savages and wild beasts, clearing and reclaiming the land, building houses, making roads, and instituting a miniature state, for such was the original New Hampshire town. Yet that is what the original settlers of Milford did, first, as inhabitants

of the town of Dunstable in 1738, next of Monson, then of Amherst, and finally, one hundred years ago, feeling themselves too strong to remain longer in leading strings, formed themselves into a separate town and secured the incorporation of Milford in 1794. Strong character is only developed and produced by correspondingly great trials and difficulties. No hardy race was ever nourished in the lap of luxury and ease. The privations and trials of these original proprietors of the town produced a strong and vigorous people. They recognized no difficulties except as something to be overcome, and they left the impress of their character upon their descendants. Many of the people of this town were animated by the same spirit which inspired the people of New England in 1775, and many of them were at the battle of Bunker Hill, under the command of that brave old patriot, Capt. Josiah Crosby, of this place. The people of that town were imbued with the spirit of independence, they were also actuated by a strong religious sentiment. They were deeply impressed not only with the importance, but with the imperative necessity, of education for the highest development of the individual and of the community.

This town in the first century of its existence has been what we should have a right to expect it would be from a town thus founded and established. The religious characteristics and development have always been an important feature from the days of the practical teachings of that vigorous Christian, Rev. Mr. Moore, the first settled minister of the town, to the present time, and something that had to be recognized and taken into account in the settlement of any important question in the community. The numerous strong religious societies in this town, with their large membership and handsome churches, show that this sentiment still exists.

This town has always ranked high in educational lines, her public schools being among the best. Her schoolhouses have been a credit to the town, and the new schoolhouse about to be built attests the fact that the spirit that has controlled the town in the past, in educational matters, still animates her people. The large and well-selected library, in its convenient and commodious quarters, not presented to the town by some rich man, but which the town provided for itself, speaks well for the culture of the people.

That spirit of freedom which actuated the fathers of the town in the early days, has shown itself in a marked degree in the agitation and earnest effort which many of the best people made in the anti-slavery controversy. It was then that the Hutchinson family did so much for that cause by their songs, and sang themselves into national fame. Later still, the same spirit manifested itself when in the War of the Rebellion the town sent her noblest and bravest sons to the aid of the country in the hour of its peril. Their sacrifices and achievements in that struggle make a glorious record, honorable alike to themselves and the town.

This community has been one of the foremost in the state in the cause of temperance. When the town was first established it was then thought proper for all, from the minister down, to drink, and that all important events, like trainings or raisings, could not be successfully carried on except under the inspiration to be derived from frequent potations of New England rum. But since the temperance question was recognized in this country as one of the great moral questions, Milford was not only quick to recognize the incalculable evils of intemperance to the individual and the community, but was equally prompt to do all in her power to remedy this evil.

Milford has been, and is, one of the most progressive towns in the state, and her influence has been, and is, felt in the state for good. Her business interests have prospered. No need to look for abandoned farms in this fertile valley where the agricultural interests are so well looked after by progressive farmers. Our growing manufacturing interests, and our splendid granite quarries develop and add to the growth of the town. Our enterprising merchants minister so well to the wants of this and surrounding communities, that they add to the wealth and importance of the town.

Our large and fine public buildings, our water-works, sewers, and electric lights, are evidences of the general prosperity.

But after all, the best product of the town is the many noble men and women it has given to the world, whose lives of usefulness and honor within the town, or wherever they may have gone, have directly and indirectly made the town what it has been and is, and have added lustre to the pages of its history.

It was for the founders of this town, and those who succeeded them in the first century of her existence, thus to build, so that we to-day contemplating their work are proud of it, and have a right to be. It is ours to carry on and maintain this work thus splendidly begun, to keep the noble heritage they have bequeathed to us free from crime, irreligion, intemperance, or any taint, and those tendencies to socialism and anarchy which threaten us to-day.

And I close with this thought: May we, and those who come after us in this second century of the existence of the town of Milford, so well perform their duty in this respect, that when the circling years shall have finally brought the second centennial of this town, our descendants shall then gratefully commemorate the deeds of the second century of the town as well as of the first.

#### GOVERNOR JOHN B. SMITH.

*President Wallace:*—To-day is the birthday of the town of Milford, and many of the distinguished men of the state have come to pay their respects to her and do her honor. Among them is one whom the loyal people of the town will especially delight to welcome, His Excellency, John B. Smith, governor of the state, who will present the compliments of the state of New Hampshire to the town of Milford on this occasion.



*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Citizens of Milford:*

I esteem it a great pleasure as well as privilege to be present on this interesting occasion, and join with you in the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of your town. I shall not enter into the history of the town in detail. I shall leave that to others, to those who have made special study of the different features of its settlement and its history. I shall content myself with only a brief generalization and some words of congratulation. You are to be congratulated, certainly, in having such unanimity of purpose from the beginning of this worthy enterprise; such competent and painstaking committees, whose work of preparation in every detail has been so enthusiastically undertaken and so well done. All your people seem to have entered earnestly into the work, and in such a manner as to make the occasion what it is,—a perfect success, reflecting credit upon a town always noted for its intelligence and spirit of enterprise, for its push and energy.

The glory of New England is not its great cities, although they are important factors in its social and natural development. But its glory is its rural towns and villages, for in them is developed the best and truest type of our boasted civilization. Great cities are often politically and socially corrupt. The country towns are the conservators of what is best in our institutions. They represent the purest Americanism, and best preserve the character and traditions, the faith and principles of the fathers and founders of the republic. Their healthy conservatism, intelligence, and moral worth, must ever constitute our chief safeguard, and are the sheet anchor of our free institutions. We annually receive hundreds of thousands of emigrants from other lands. The thrifty and honest, from whatever land they come, of whatever race or creed, we welcome; but whether we welcome them or not, they will come (unless some wholesome immigration legislation shall interpose, and may it not be long delayed), and they come with ideas and principles and customs as foreign as themselves. Much of this infusion tends to vitiate our political blood and to corrupt our morals, and overturn our social conditions and customs. It is too much the habit of our immigrants to tarry in the great cities, adding to the sum of corruption and ignorance, and aggravating the already too prevalent political disease.

The continual healthy flow of rural blood into these cities will prove the only antidote and counteracting influence. To the country then we must look for the solution of our social and political problems. The influences that reach out from our country towns with their simple virtues and comparatively sound morals, are really the basis of our hopes; but for these we might well despair. Such a typical model New England and New Hampshire town is Milford. I have already paid tribute to the moral worth, intelligence, and enterprise of its people. Here, religious, educational, and charitable institutions are, and have ever been, liberally sustained. Sobriety and vir-



tue have been characteristic of your people. Here business enterprises have flourished and successful industrial establishments have furnished remunerative employment; and where none need be, few have been disposed to be, idle. Labor here has always been honorable and respected, because it is self-respecting and unusually intelligent. As a consequence very little antagonism between labor and capital is found here, and strikes are unknown. The intelligent workingman appreciates the advantage of well-managed and well-directed capital, and the humane and liberal employer respects and honors his employé as helpers and co-workers.

This town has been noted for its loyalty and patriotism, as we might well expect of such a people. A hundred years measures the age of your town as a public corporation, but it does not measure the history of this community. The territory now known as Milford township was taken from older corporate towns, and was settled for half a century previous to the beginning of your own distinctive town life. From this settlement undoubtedly went forth some of its young men to the French and Indian wars—and later went forth sturdy bands of patriots to the war of the American Revolution. To the call for volunteers in the War of the Rebellion, Milford made prompt and continual response. Her sons distinguished themselves in that great struggle, and among the many brave soldiers who are remembered to-day with the gratitude of their countrymen, none was braver than Colonel Lull of your own town. Other names of your brave sons might be added, who counted not their lives dear that they might lay them on the altar of their country. The cause of human liberty and the equal rights of all men, whether black or white, was early espoused in Milford, and who shall say the sweet songs of the Hutchinsons were any less potent in the great anti-slavery crusade than the eloquence of Phillips, or the pen of Garrison? Total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors found early champions here who practised what they preached, and the character of your town is still unchanged on these great questions, and it stands to-day among New Hampshire communities in the forefront of progress and true reform. Your town is well located in the heart of the most prosperous section of the state. It has enjoyed good railroad facilities, which are soon to be considerably enlarged. You have much to be thankful for, much to be proud of, and great reason to be hopeful of the future. You are destined to increase in numbers and mutual wealth, and a consequent extension and widening of that influence for moulding the destiny of our state and of the country, which has ever been, and we trust always will be, wholesome and helpful.

DEA. EDWARD D. BOYLSTON.

*President Wallace:*—Once Milford was a part of the town of Amherst, is the child of Amherst. The parent town after carefully

rearing and training her, when she reached her majority one hundred years ago, allowed her to set up for herself, with the blessing of the parent town. We have with us to-day Dea. E. D. Boylston of Amherst, who will now give us the congratulations of that town on the credit Milford has done to her training in her first century.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

By the appointment and request of the authorities of the mother town, and approval of her special delegation, it affords me profound pleasure to extend the cordial and most hearty greetings of old Amherst to the thrifty, well-to-do, and honored second daughter, on this, the one hundredth anniversary of the occasion of this relation.

In doing so I am reminded of an incident in our early local history of the couplet of a lad (who after became an Amherst lawyer), that with antipodal play upon its formative word, may be aptly here reproduced:

"You'd scarce expect one of my age  
To speak in public on the stage."

But these congratulations may not be the less acceptable, coming, as they do, from one who knows, by personal contact, of what he speaks. For fourscore years I have been, as it were, among you, and for threescore journalized for a large proportion of your families—known your every clergy and professional man, advertised your almost every merchant and mechanic, and social and business change; and when I speak congratulatory of your progress and weal, "speak what I know, and testify of what I have seen."

Few towns have been more highly favored in all these relations than Milford, until, to-day, the daughter stands "head and ears" above the mother, on high vantage ground, and observes her first centennial in a glow of ascendancy, pride of circumstance and richness of perspective, that makes it a delightful duty to bring to you these maternal congratulations.

One hundred years ago, Amherst knew, as you to-day, the pride of position and ascendancy—the third or fourth town in the state, commercially, and the first in the county, with all its courts and public offices, and even a session of the state legislature, which only four other towns have known; while Milford, in swaddling-clothes, took on a name indicating that she had no bridge whereon to pass her waters.

*Tempora mutantur, nos et mutimur, in illis:* "The times are changed, and we are changed with them."

Our 1,600 inhabitants have become 1,000; your 1,000 more than 3,000. Our courts and courtiers have all left us; our trade turns to your doors, and passes your elegant bridge; and our pleasure-seekers seek their pleasure in your park and of your band. But for a score of years in musical reciprocity we have not been wholly lacking, I know, it having cost my personal team more than 2,000 trips, and 10,000 miles travel.

"God is judge; he setteth up one, and putteth down another." With the Divine allotments it becometh all to acquiesce, and we cheerfully do so to-day, bidding you 'God-speed in your progressive, upward career.

Most prominent in our congratulations, truth and duty compel us to place your *noble progenitors*. If you have aught that calls for profound congratulation, it is beneath your soil, and deserving of its richest granite! the noble fathers and mothers sleeping in your tombs—at the very mention of whom every bosom must swell with a grateful, holy pride. Hundreds of these, as my patrons and warm friends, are before me to-day, with a warm recall, whom to name would be to praise—the privilege of others. They constitute your noblest inheritance, as underlying and enduring, and thousand-fold more worthy and ennobling, than the granite you so cherish, of them so beautifully emblematic.

We congratulate you upon your forthcoming beautiful town history, and that you have such proud history to record, and such worthy and indefatigable men to record it. They deserve your warmest regard.

We heartily congratulate you upon the high political standing that gives you to-day two candidates for our state governorship, and both so popular that all wish that both might be elected, and all expectant that one or the other will be; and one returns to you to-day around whom the honors of the old Bay state splash and beat as its waves about its breakers; while

"Each, with pride of a Briton, turns  
To-day, to welcome your Wallace and Burns."

We congratulate you upon your progressive architecture, public and private; your elegant town house; your monumental library; your fine school buildings and their products, and the coming "Endicott;" your Lull monument of to-day; your well-appointed and filled churches, your highest hope; your live, well-advertised commercial men; your thriving and varied industries, so widely known; your water-works, a monument to your prudence and hygienic care; your military spirit, past and present; your excellent fire appointments and musical bestowments; your venerable press, which fourscore years so well served us—may its shadow never be less; your underlying granite foundation and increasing facilities for its working; and last, though far from least, the cheerful lighting of your homes and ways. May the day not be distant when the mother shall, literally and rejoicingly, walk in the daughter's light.

Amherst decadence would form an afternoon's topic,—but avault, except its maternal lesson: Hold fast, dear daughter, to your every live and sterling business man. Fifty of the bright, wealthy, enterprising men who have made Nashua what it is, were the gift of Amherst; and her new, proudest church stands one-half upon an Amherst financial basis. Blessed they who have to give!

Amherst glories in her past, and that she is yet able to do something for her neighbors and the world.

“What here shall be, who, who can tell,  
 As dawns your next centennial?  
 The bursting acorn of to-day  
 Shall be the oak in sad decay.  
 Not one, not one of all this throng  
 Shall to its celebrants belong.  
 Perhaps here city, proud and great,  
 Exceeding all within the state;  
 With courts, cathedrals, and renown;  
 Reaching out afar o'er Amherst town,  
 And sweeping north, and claiming e'en  
 The 'Prospect' where 'The Grand' is seen;  
 All again one, and proudly one,  
 As ere the past century was begun;  
 With cars borne on electric wings,  
 And thousand other stranger things;  
 While Hub conductors 'all aboard' cry,  
 'For Mont-Amherst-Ford, whither we fly!'  
 The vision's great, but may it not wait  
 And former union reinstate?”

HON. CHARLES H. BURNS.

*President Wallace:*—The town of Milford is fortunate in having a favorite and distinguished son, descended from two of its oldest and most noted families, who needs no introduction to the people of this town, New Hampshire's most gifted orator, Hon. Charles H. Burns, who will now deliver our centennial oration.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

The subject uppermost in our minds to-day is Milford, the spot of earth where we were born. This multitude, gathered from all parts of our common country, attest the loyalty of her sons and daughters. Hither we have come to witness the opening of her century plant, which buds and blossoms only once in a hundred years. Hither we have brought our children and children's children, that they may see this land, from whose soil their ancestors sprung, and hear the story of that stalwart race, which helped overthrow dynasties, and lay the foundation of a prosperous town, a glorious state, and a mighty nation. With conscious pride we point to the character of the men and women who first planted the standards of civilization in this fair and fertile valley. With unrestrained emotion we recount the achievements of their descendants, our fathers and mothers, in establishing beautiful homes, in the formation of strong and rugged character, and in the promotion of great causes that have done so much for the human race. With veneration and reverence, with the warmth of earnest hearts of loving children, we salute our venerable mother, and her spotless and noble record.

In the history of an enterprising town like Milford, which is a century old, the story of much of our national life can be learned. In

its growth is typified the advance of the nation. In its mirror of life, the struggles, the varying fortunes, the triumphs and trials of the people, are reflected. A distinguished historian has observed that the best way to learn English history is "to set a man in the streets of a simple English town, and to bid him to work out the history of the men who have lived and died there. The mill by the stream, the tolls in the market-places, the brasses of its burghers in the church, the names of its streets, the lingering memory of its guilds, the mace of its mayor, tell us more of the past of England than the spire of Sarem or the martyrdom of Canterbury."

If we would learn the story of liberty, and of the progress of humanity in the new world, we must enter, as in the old, the streets and lanes, the highways and byways, the parishes, even the old school-districts of the old townships; we must study the history of the men who cut down the forests, subdued the primitive soil, braved the savage, and beat their way up in the teeth of the tempest, for in their hands was the embryo of our country.

"The Avon to the Severn runs,  
The Severn to the sea."

And, as the old English town lifted the country at large to its own level of freedom and law, so the American towns have worked out the great problems of free government in the United States. They have been the birthplaces, the nurseries, the schools and disciplinarians of the statesmen, orators, heroes, and philanthropists, who have shaped the principles and established the strength of the government. Every distinctive achievement of the people from the Revolution to the Civil War; from the recognition to the abolition of human slavery; from the union to the disunion of church and state, has originated in, if it has not been emphatically determined by, the American town. Here the great impulses which have formed the basis of national progress have been inspired and developed. Neither the political nor social history of the American people can be ascertained or appreciated without knowing the tragic struggles and local triumphs of town and municipal life. The town has been the teacher. It is still the steady regulator of the affairs of men.

This is especially true of the New England townships. They were, as a rule, founded, and have been developed, by the leaders of American force and thought. Their management, being independent, is typical of that of the nation. Every department of government is shown in the town, and it constitutes a miniature republic.

The selectmen are the executive. Within the limits of their prerogatives they are a co-ordinate branch of the town government, and supreme.

In the town-meeting is assembled the municipal law-making power. It is presided over by a moderator chosen by ballot. In the same



manner the majority elect its rulers, clerk, treasurer, selectmen, and representatives to the general court. It enacts all the necessary rules and ordinances for local self-government. The inestimable right of debate nowhere prevails with more absolute freedom. Questions great and small are canvassed by oral discussion in open meeting. No credentials except citizenship, and no qualification except the ballot, are necessary to entitle a person to the floor upon any subject which is before the meeting. Some of the most notable discussions of the Revolution were those in the town-meetings of Boston and New England. Milford's town-meetings have been noted for intelligent debate upon all the topics of the day, and the voice of the town has been felt abroad in the land.

The wide range of subjects treated and disposed of by the town government, schools, paupers, highways, libraries, taxation, finance, moral and religious institutions, health, drainage, water supply, protection from fire, transportation, are such as concern the interests, comfort, and safety of all the people, and embrace almost every possible phase of the general government. Their consideration demands thought, deliberation, debate, action, and individual judgment and responsibility. The principles involved, like the magic tent in the fairy tale, may shelter a family or cover a continent. Nowhere else is the old Greek sentiment that "the shame of the city is the fault of the individual" so clearly apparent. Nowhere else does the American citizen acquire such practical training and equipment for participation in legislative affairs as in meetings of this sort. They have been called with truth "the elementary cells and schools of public life." It is also here that the imperial power of the ballot, the rule of the majority, all the rights, privileges, and appurtenances of a pure democratic law-making assembly, are exercised, and with the greatest freedom and most marked success.

Is it strange that the intellectual local combats and individual responsibilities have given scores of men a splendid fit for wider fields? Such experiences and mental training have borne excellent fruit, and constitute strength and power in the nation.

The well-regulated town has a judicial department, with all the machinery necessary to run it. The justice of the peace presides over petty trials, and is solemnly called "Your Honor." His court is kept in order by a deputy sheriff. He is addressed by lawyers generally of local production and logic. They are not infrequently called to the bench, or become leaders of the bar of the state, or important factors in the congress of the nation.

Thus in an enterprising and intelligent town is exemplified the whole fabric of our government, and the history of its people for a hundred years is the history of the temper and the struggle of the people of the nation. Each township is a training camp for public servants. Much of the safety of the American republic lies in this fact. The local government teaches how to manage the general gov-

ernment. Men will neither appreciate nor fight for a country they do not know how to govern.

The first settlers of the territory and town of Milford were good men. They were of the English and Scotch-Irish races. In their veins ran the best blood of the Saxon, the Scot, and the Celt, the Puritans of Salem and the Pilgrims of Plymouth. For years they were augmented from time to time with similar races, and they constituted a strong, sensible, industrious, virtuous people, such as compose and control the successful commonwealth. They were farmers and mechanics. They believed in labor, law, and learning. Fortunate, indeed, was this soil in being early owned and tilled by such hands. Its dedication to the dominion of free labor, free men, and free schools, to honest and persistent toil, exposed it to Christian civilization and improvement, and brought it into harmony with a new and glorious era.

The territory was selected and settled as a town on the New England plan. Its geographical limits were fixed to suit the inhabitants. It was granted from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The representatives of its soil, before it became a township, as after, defended it against both the native Indian and the foreign white invader. They fought at Bunker Hill and Bennington, and helped throw overboard the tea in Boston Harbor. In the meantime they were laying the foundations of a great republic; rearing families, building homes, churches, and schools, and helping along the noble work of establishing a government by the people. In such experiences the nation was born.

A part, and perhaps all, of the territory of Milford was once claimed by Massachusetts, and received early consecration by the grace of that noble commonwealth. Massachusetts has been said to have led the world in common schools. In 1659 it granted for the benefit of schools, one thousand acres of land lying along the banks of the Souhegan; a goodly gift to a righteous cause. It made other grants for the same purpose. The spirit of these grants has presided over the territory ever since. A distinguishing characteristic of its people has been a deep and abiding interest in educational matters; but not until it received its charter from the state of New Hampshire a century ago, was much accomplished either in the way of schools or churches. Its sturdy inhabitants, down to that time, and even later, had all they could do to defend their cabins and get bread for themselves and their families. Since then their work in behalf of education has been one that reflects lasting honor upon the citizens of Milford. They have followed the injunction of Solomon: "Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go, keep her, for she is thy life."

The common school, the sheet anchor of a nation, the old district school, which for the practical and ordinary training of boys and girls, for good citizenship, has never been excelled by any institution on earth, except the home, has always been here sustained with

marked success. A large majority of its citizens have never received any education except that received in the old district school. It was there that they learned to think, to reason, and to act. It was there that they came directly in contact with the sturdy schoolmaster, who was generally a practical, sagacious, and right-minded man. It was there that they received fundamental impressions, if they deserved them, that were calculated to convince them that "the way of the transgressor is hard." A history of the teachers of Milford discloses a list of brainy, practical, and excellent men and women, who have done a great work, in that most useful of all human industries, the making of character. They were the "chosen few, the wise, the courtly, and the true." Who would not rejoice to have their children taught in the district school by such men as Daniel Russell and John Ramsdell, or by Gilbert and Lydia Wadleigh in the academy, which gave a sort of finishing touch to the graduates of the common schools, and has also been of conspicuous service in the training of the boys and girls of Milford.

These, with the lyceum, which, for more than a quarter of a century was a substantial and recognized institution of the town, and for which, as a public training place for debate and deliberation, no equivalent has ever been found, have furnished this people with every facility for acquiring sufficient information and mental discipline to enable them to reap the precious benefits of a useful and intelligent life.

A community thus disciplined naturally demanded books and periodicals, and all the equipment for the acquisition of a wider range of instruction and information. The public circulating library came, with its manifold blessings; and with it the lecture platform and its attendant moral and intellectual pleasures. The leaders of American thought, the greatest of American orators and philanthropists, have been heard from Milford's platform—Henry Ward Beecher, Lucy Stone, Wendell Phillips, Parker Pillsbury, William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, Thomas Starr King, Ralph Waldo Emerson, James Russell Lowell, Theodore Parker, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and scores of others, whose renown is world-wide, have thrilled by their eloquence, and instructed by their learning, logic, and philanthropy, the people of this goodly town.

True to the spirit of the Pilgrims, the early settlers, recognizing their first and supreme allegiance to Almighty God, built places of public worship alongside their homes. Throughout all their town history the church has been a special object of their care. The town records disclose with what liberality they contributed to its upbuilding and support. They worked and sacrificed, that the words of the Saviour, the harbinger and hope of the highest civilization, might be taught in their midst, and possess the hearts of their children. They wrought in a great cause. Amply has the church compensated its cost. Its influence for the good of men is visible everywhere. At

times, in the presence of great danger, it may have been weak, but it has contributed more than a just share in making a thoughtful, enterprising, conscientious, home-loving, and successful people.

The town was more than fortunate in the selection of its first permanent pastor, the Rev. Humphrey Moore. He was a splendid man, —frugal, industrious, a farmer and minister, a patriot, a gentleman and a devout Christian. His master spirit was a vital force in this community for more than fifty years. The early New England pastors were, for the most part, strong and grand characters. They were leaders among men. Their sturdy advice and rugged examples were safe guides. They did a great work. Mr. Moore was at the head of other strong religious teachers in Milford. Abner Warner, a very noble and eloquent man, left a lasting mark on this community. He valiantly espoused the cause of freedom, while he held aloft the banner of the cross. Many other good ministers have wrought here manfully, doing a work which has had large influence in moulding the character of the people.

The history of the churches of Milford is quite like those in other parts of New England. They have figured prominently in shaping the course of events, but some of them were early tainted with a disinclination to grapple with great national wrongs.

The Pilgrims and Puritans who laid the ground-work of the New England churches, although a wonderful people, were not perfect or entirely consistent. The Pilgrims came to these shores, not to found a nation, nor to sever their political ties with the mother country, but that they might establish a church after their own hearts, and worship God according to the dictates of conscience. This one idea dominated their lives. The Puritans came "to found homes and build a state." The Pilgrims were poor, but well informed. The Puritans were rich and educated. Both believed in work, energy, and enterprise; in the sacredness and the enforcement of law, in schools, the home and the church. They professed a belief in man, and, above all, in the living God. In this sublime faith, and with matchless thrift and moral integrity, they made New England. They and their descendants constituted as noble a community, and maintained as pure a government, as has ever existed on earth.

About the time the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, in Massachusetts, there was another company of men who landed at Jamestown, in Virginia. They were speculators and traders. They called themselves cavaliers. They came to this land for no good purpose. They were trying to get something for nothing. They believed in getting a living in the sweat of the faces of others, not their own. Their ideas were antagonistic to those of the Pilgrims. They sowed a seed in this country which has borne slavery, discontent, and civil war. The great harvest is still going on. This disastrous spirit has attracted from the old world kindred elements. Socialism, communism, idleness, and thriftless discontent, are its deadly products.



But neither the Pilgrims nor the Puritans who helped make New England and the republic, with all their love of justice and freedom, as history shows, had a just appreciation of the equality of human rights, or the education or evolution of mankind. They became, in framing the constitution of the Federal Union, the allies of slave traders and slave owners. They helped place in that great compact a fatal provision. It was a recognition of human slavery.

Within fifty years after its adoption, there appeared in New England a young man with a great spirit. His name was William Lloyd Garrison. He boldly challenged the integrity and justice of that work. He opened his battle for freedom by saying: "I am in earnest, I will not equivocate, I will not excuse, I will not retreat a single inch, and I will be heard." He made the startling declaration that this constitution was "a covenant with death and an agreement with hell." He published a newspaper, called the *Liberator*. Its sublime motto was "Our country is the world, our countrymen are all mankind," and it demanded "the immediate and unconditional emancipation of the slave." Garrison was its sole owner, its sole editor, its sole type-setter, and its sole manager. Its printing-office was a dark and dusty attic, but its light was as brilliant as that of the diamond as it comes from the hand and genius of the lapidary. It was "a most humble, unpretentious little sheet of four pages, about 14x9 inches in size, but charged with the destiny of a race of human beings whose redemption from chattel, brutal bondage, was one day to shake to its foundations the mightiest republic ever yet existing on the face of the globe.

This paper found sympathetic readers in Milford. It aroused the conscience and stirred the souls of some of its most intelligent citizens. They at once formed an abolition society. Some of them, feeling that the churches to which they belonged were remiss in their duty to those in bonds, severed their connection with them. They were thenceforward come-outers and abolitionists. They held regular meetings in the old Ames hall, the Faneuil hall of the Souhegan valley, afterwards converted into a schoolhouse, which was but a continuation of its ancient work. Here they met on Sabbath days and discussed and deliberated upon the wrongs perpetuated by law against their fellowmen. Among their number were the Hutchinsons, natives of the town, the most noted and the sweetest singers of their generation. Their songs for emancipation and temperance exerted a mighty influence in waking the sleeping conscience of the nation. The discussions, the glorious songs, and the meetings of this noble band of men and women were forcible, inspiring, and eloquent. The work they did, far-reaching and successful. Some of them, like their great leader, lived to see the chains torn from the slave, and the constitution of the United States, purged of its foul stain, enabling Mr. Gladstone, the noblest living statesman, recently to say, that it is the greatest political instrument that ever came



from the hands of men. If Milford is distinguished for anything, it is for the unselfish and sublime work of these splendid men and women, in the grandest movement of the century, for human rights.

This generation, which is living in the glad sunshine of human freedom, can have but an imperfect idea of what it required in those days to be abolitionists. It took intelligence and ability, courage and tremendous persistency. They met social ostracism, slight, scorn, and sneers; but they triumphed. They constituted an intelligent, all-powerful, vital force which won in this community and this nation. The abolitionists of the North led in a charge which changed the tone of American history, and they have left an imperishable impress upon the character of their country.

In consequence of the anti-slavery agitation, and the almost unanimous attitude of the free states, in opposition to the extension of slave territory, the greatest civil war the world has ever known was inaugurated by the same destructive hand, that had been chiefly instrumental in defiling the fundamental law of the land. It was a bold and infamous assault by the slave power, at the point of the bayonet, upon the life of the nation and the rights of humanity. Never was an attack of traitors more courageously met by a nation's defenders. The call to arms by Abraham Lincoln aroused and united the patriots of the land. It stirred to immediate action everywhere the lovers of liberty and law.

In Milford, a recruiting office was at once opened in the town hall, and forty-eight men enrolled for their country's defence. There was no hesitation and no delay. A committee of some of its leading citizens was chosen, who were authorized to equip a company, pay all expenses, and aid and support their families. Its selectmen were empowered to borrow the sum of three thousand dollars for immediate use. This was but the beginning of a series of generous and patriotic acts on the part of the town reaching to the end of the rebellion. One hundred and ninety-six of its noble citizens engaged in the conflict. They were the flower of its population. Sixty of these lost their lives by the war, forty of whom were never brought home to be buried. Thirteen were slain in battle. Their names are in Milford's Valhalla, and are embalmed in immortal fame with the heroes of the Republic.

But courage and patriotism are not peculiar to man. Courage is graceful and dignified, and as woman excels in grace and dignity, she is full of courage and self-sacrifice. "Woman is the blood royal of life." It has been said that wherever a human being is suffering, his sighs call a woman to his side. The women of Milford began patriotic work at home before even the sounds from the rebel cannon on Sumter's walls had died away. With the instinct, and the intelligence, native to their sex, they early saw that the terrible ordeal through which the nation must pass, if saved, required their

active sympathy and coöperation. And the record of what they did for the families of the soldiers at home; and what they did for the sick and dying on the battlefields of the war, are among the most precious facts connected with the history of the town. All honor to the memory of the splendid work of these noble women!

This is but a glimpse of what Milford did in the mighty conflict. Her work in this behalf was not excelled by any community of its size in New England.

In social reforms, in temperance, and in all good and great moral movements, the town has long been a shining light. In fraternal organizations it has done splendid work. Benevolent Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, is the oldest and most notable of these institutions. Its history stretches along the entire century, and its members have been and are among its foremost citizens. Its banners are still waving and its good work still going on.

It is not in schools and churches, in moral agitation, and the struggle for freedom that Milford's record is alone resplendent with noble action. It may be said of these achievements that "time and chance happeneth to them all." But in those modest and essential pursuits, in the every day and practical affairs of life, in the home, in agriculture, manufactures and mining, trade and transportation, in men and women, who faithfully perform the duties of important and unpretentious citizenship, in which a vast majority of its people have been, and are, engaged, and which form the groundwork of the republic, comprising its active forces and power, our retrospect is equally delightful and satisfactory.

All the way through the mazy past, for a hundred years, unmistakable evidences of a substantial, vigorous, and industrious people are seen. Its inhabitants have been largely composed of rugged farmers, beset with honest labor, and graced with a rare intelligence; of skilful, toil-worn craftsmen and manufacturers, equally enlightened; of bright and enterprising tradesmen, successfully prosecuting a necessary business. They have been men of forethought, sagacity, and industry, who have grown strong, standing by hearthstones, consecrated by the virtues of their fathers. These are the men who have made "the wheels go round." They have kept the old town-ship steadily growing. It would be a pleasure not within the limits of this occasion, to call their roll of honor. They are the heroes of the victories of peace and industry.

Moreover, those who have wrought here in the so-called learned professions, have made the town their debtor, and contributed to the character and reputation of this people. Among them have been men of mark and distinction, Livermore, Wadleigh, Lull, Averill. Their names are here recalled with pleasure and pride. It will be time to speak of others of her sons and citizens, who give high promise, when their work is done.

It has been said that the old New England home is now chiefly

known, not by what it is, or what it retains, but by what it has sent forth into the world. And when we look abroad and see the sons and daughters who have gone from us, who are in positions of trust and dignity, and are leaders among the men and women of the land, our hearts swell with honest pride.

Notwithstanding Milford has always had a good supply of doctors and lawyers, her citizens have lived to a good old age, and been fairly prosperous. It is quite evident the people have refrained from taking much of the medicine of either class. Indeed, the town has had a remarkably peaceable career. It has never had any great lawsuit. It has had the usual agitation about the location of school-houses and town house, but it has rarely indulged in the services of the profession. When the station of the Wilton railroad was located, eminent counsel, among whom were Mr. Atherton, at one time a senator, and Mr. Pierce, at one time president of the United States, were employed. This was an exception. The town has always been at peace with its neighbors and all mankind.

Of old-time customs and new-time foibles; the husking bees, the finding of the red ear, the apple parings, spelling matches, blind man's buff, the military trainings, sham fights and musters, Sabbath-school picnics, singing-schools, and horse trots, chasing the greased pig, catching suckers from the old Fish Rock, dancing in the old Buxton tavern, sliding down Daddy Hay's hill with pretty girls, boating by moonlight on the Souhegan, making cider, raising hops and hens, roller skating, bicycling, baseball crazes, football cranks, and duplicate and drive whist maniacs, this is no time to speak. They are all respectfully referred to Milford's Historical Surveyor.

There is much in our history that is in common with many other New Hampshire towns. The early struggles were like those endured by all of the old settlements around us. The hardships and difficulties of the first white inhabitants can hardly be appreciated now. Life was a constant battle with the earth and the elements. Fear and uncertainty were stimulated by menace and massacre. Later, when the town was incorporated, it required strong arms and stout hearts, to extract from our common mother enough to sustain life, without social comforts or educational or religious blessings. The genius of invention had not then supplied machinery that will act and think. Steam had not been heard in this valley. Electricity had not been employed in the transmission of thought and power. Ether, the destroyer of the terror and pain of the surgeon's knife, was an undiscovered friend of humanity.

But without any of these helps, the builders of Milford have pushed on, and kept pace with the march of events. They have trained in the army of human progress, and have always been abreast with the times. The result of this marvelous energy and enterprise is seen in one of the most intelligent and thrifty communities to be found anywhere. Its splendid farms, thriving manufactures, and

newly-developed quarries of granite, sufficient in quantity to build a dozen Londons, and of such exquisite quality as to be fit for the purposes of art, are its material wealth, while its charming scenery and its beautiful location give assurance of continued growth and prosperity.

And can we not felicitate ourselves, not only that our ancestral home is in New Hampshire, the good old Granite state, whose mountains almost touch the stars, and whose air and water are as pure as the light of heaven, but in New England, whose sons have fought in every "battle for God and humanity" for two hundred and seventy-five years, whose genius is guided by liberty, learning, and law, and whose domain, though rough and rugged and bleak, is yet the garden of the world.

The place of our birth is the beautiful vision of childhood. The old home, the fields, the lanes, the meadows and the brook, the schoolhouse and the church, the town house; the storekeeper, the shoemaker and the village blacksmith, the minister, the lawyer, the schoolmaster, and the old family physician, how good and true and noble they were.

We have indeed a goodly patrimony. We have inherited a good name; we must not only transmit it, which is infinitely better than to receive it, but, in the language of New England's greatest philosopher, "Let us shame the fathers by superior virtue in the sons."

What is to be the fate of the country town is a much-mooted question. Its destiny in New England has been the cause of anxiety on the part of those who believe that in the old country communities, which were settled and controlled by Puritan and Pilgrim influences, there has been almost perfection in government. The thought that such grand old towns are to be drained and dwarfed by the enormous drafts made upon them by great cities is not pleasant. It is not encouraging to see the bright young people, in whose hands lies so much power for good and growth, turn their backs upon the old homesteads and adorn other scenes. Landscapes are never quite perfect unless touched and fringed with the flowers of civilization. They need humanity, the vigor of man and the grace of woman, to crown them. A house without an inmate, though artistically perfect, a forest untrodden by man, although full of nature's pictures, present few attractions. They must be frequented by man, the noblest work of God, to give them life and to inspire them with a vital interest. The old town must be populated to be either useful or beautiful. It will be. The time will come when the tide will turn from the city to the country.

While youth is restless under the limitations of a retired neighborhood and desires more active scenes, there comes a time in the lives of most people when they long to go back to the old home and rest amidst rural beauties. Tacitus found the early English race a nation of farmers, cultivating the soil, each for himself, "as woodside,



plain, or fresh spring attracts him," loving the country and hating the city. The love of land in the Saxon breast is as strong as the love of liberty. It seeks dominion over the soil. Its danger lies in its excessive gratification. It is disposed to grasp vast territories and to be monarch over immense tracts. Such a disposition should be discouraged. It bodes no good to the township. As the size of landed estates increases, population decreases. This was true seventeen centuries ago in Britain, Italy, and Gaul. It is equally true to-day. A thousand acres, with fifty or one hundred owners, is far better for the community than the same number of acres with one owner. Small farms owned by their occupants, well tilled; beautiful homes owned by their occupants, well filled; a variety of industries thriftily pursued; these, with cozy summer houses dotting the hillsides and their attendant churches and schoolhouses, increase the beauty, the wealth, the population and the intelligence of the country town, and contribute to the strength, the power, and safety of the nation. A town thus constituted is a desirable place in which to live. It will always be attractive and always grow. Burns, after he had fully tested the "vain pomp and glory of the world," said: "To a man who has a home, however humble and remote, if that home is, like mine, the scene of domestic comfort, the bustle of Edinburgh will soon be a business of sickening disgust."

Moreover, the country town that is reached by the railroad, the telegraph, and the telephone, and most of them are, is no longer remote. Steam and electricity have annihilated time and distance, and made comfort and convenience cosmopolitan. The news of the world reaches the farmer's door almost as soon as it does the commercial centre, and knowledge is disseminated with marvelous equality. The luxuries of every clime are almost as near the cottage of the husbandman as the palace of the city banker, and the city and the town are moving towards each other with astounding rapidity.

And yet great men flee to great centres as whales to the deep sea. After Plutarch and Raphael discovered their ability, they went to Rome as Burns did to Edinburgh. Large cities have always attracted genius and great minds, for in them is appreciation and scope. Herodotus went to Athens in search of educated men and an intelligent audience; Napoleon went to Paris; Webster to Boston. If the motive were praise, or gain, or fame, it would be strong and all-powerful.

But while genius is apt to seek the multitude, it is frequently born in solitude. Goethe says: "Talent is perfected in solitude." An ancient philosopher has said: "That the first thing necessary for a perfectly happy man is that he should be born a citizen of some famous city." Many are not thus privileged, if it is a privilege. Cicero, who has been doomed to an immortality in this world, and who was the greatest of great orators, was born far back in the country, more than seventy miles from Rome, afterwards the theatre of



his matchless career. "Shakespeare, towering above all the poets of ancient and of modern times, as fresh to-day as he was three hundred years ago, the greatest miracle of intellect that perhaps has ever adorned the world," first saw heaven's light at an almost unknown spot called Stratford-on-Avon, now world-renowned as the place of his birth. Cromwell, who arrested the power of the House of Stuart and changed the whole course of English history, was bred to peaceful occupations, and lived for the most part in the country until forty years of age, but was buried with regal pomp among the ancient kings of England. Washington and Lincoln, true students of nature and noble sons of God, beginning life amidst rural scenes and ending with the adoration of their country. A vast majority of the men and women who have made our country, who have fought our battles and won position and fame, have been blessed with a childhood in the rural district, thus obtaining natural force and power.

That the mind and body are more or less affected by the climate, atmosphere, and scenery that surround early life is an undoubted fact, and while education begins in the cradle and the nursery, it does not end in the university. Life is a constant school. A large majority of active men and women acquire their vigor of mind from the unprinted literature to be found in forest, sky, street, and field, as well as the counting-room and business. "Nature educates, life educates, society educates. Outward circumstances, inward experiences, and social influences make up a large part of human culture." The country town and the populous city each possess special charms and marked advantages. The one supplements the other. Both are essential to the development of a great nation.

The history of Milford, beginning but a few years after the United States had achieved independence, covers a hundred years of the most marvelous developments known to man. Ten such decades the world has never before seen. A comparison between then and now reveals a most startling revolution in opinion, methods of thinking, and ways of living. Such an assemblage of new inventions, such an array of newly-discovered facts, physical, moral, and scientific, inspire the belief that there is scarcely no end to the possible accomplishments of the human race. The imperial and majestic power of man never was so obvious as now. Never before did human destiny give promise of such splendid fruition.

One hundred years ago! Who can paint the wrongs that were then tolerated? Millions of manacled slaves all through the civilized world; the tortures of the press-gang; the ghastly flogging of soldiers and sailors; men and women hung for stealing bread to defeat starvation; debtors incarcerated in prison when overcome with the weight of obligations innocently and honestly incurred; women executed as witches; men burned at the stake by the command of tyrants; paupers sold at auction to the lowest bidder; taxes mercilessly imposed to support creeds and crime.

What a transition the century has witnessed! Then they relied on the zeal of the parson to warm the church; now the warmth of the church inspires the pastor. Then they employed a beadle to wake the sleeping congregations; now those who put them to sleep are expected to wake them again. Then they walked, carrying their shoes in their hands until in sight of the church door; now they go by steam and electricity, in carriages, cars, and on bicycles. Then there was heard on every hand the injunction, "He that hath ears to hear let him hear;" now the spirit of the age says, "He that hath brains to think let him think." Mental indolence, like physical, is regarded as a criminal neglect of the most magnificent opportunities of life. At the clubs, in the taverns, with the newspapers, the wits, the great men of action, the men of art, literature, science, and learning; with those in the so-called humbler walks of life, in the factory and the mine, the schools and universities, the churches and society, in law and justice, morals and manners, there has been, complete, thorough, and radical improvement. In government itself, which is the highest aspiration of worldly struggles, the progress has been marked and universal.

And the chief interest of this glorious anniversary is not so much the past as the present. Not what our fathers were, but what we are. Not what they did as what we are doing. The adornments of the occasion are not *relics of history*, but the *living sons and daughters* of Milford, its cultivated citizens, its men and women of education, enlightenment, and character: "Here are to be found its true interest, its chief strength, its real power." These are the trophies of its centennial year.

This is not our only cause of congratulation. We are holding our family reunion, not in a dilapidated old homestead grown up and disfigured with briars and bushes, with the moss-covered bucket that hangs in the well tumbling to pieces, with the latch-string broken or gone, with open doors creaking on rusty hinges, with bare walls and empty larder, with mould and decay everywhere visible; but rather in a commodious and beautiful spot, surrounded with every sign and equipment of modern civilization. We are welcomed to a model town, with physical comfort and spiritual grace. Its picture to-day is one of thrift, enterprise, and beauty. Its farms were never greener, its shops never more attractive, its quarries of immaculate granite never more promising, its printing press never brighter or more active, its schools and churches never more prosperous, its citizens never more enthusiastic and intelligent, and its charming homes never more numerous and elegant. And so, with loyalty and filial reverence, we say, "Let the dead past bury its dead," we are for the living present and for Milford *as she is and will be*.

"And green forever be the graves,  
And bright the flowing sod,  
Where first the child's glad spirit loves  
Its country and its God."

## JOHN W. HUTCHINSON.

*President Wallace*:—One of the most remarkable and interesting productions of the town was the celebrated Hutchinson family of singers, whose songs have delighted and instructed thousands, and whose fame was not confined to this country, all of whom have passed away except one, John W. Hutchinson, the sole survivor of the family, who will favor us with an original song appropriate to the occasion.

## "HOME OF MY BOYHOOD."

"Oh, home of my boyhood, my own native home,  
I love it the better wherever I roam."

*Countrymen, Citizens, Neighbors and Friends*:

We have reason to congratulate each other that we are privileged, under these favorable auspices, to assemble to celebrate an event like this—the establishment of the municipality, our town government.

More than a hundred years ago, our fathers settled in this beautiful valley of the Souhegan, fertilized from the waters that coursed along among these surrounding hills, by brooks and rivulets that are tributary to our beloved stream, gently flowing and flooding its banks, paying tribute by enriching its meadows and plains, and insuring temporal blessings.

"Friends we all loved dwelt by these banks,  
And made their margins dear."

Blessed associations and thrilling memories of every event cluster about the century just past. One who for more than three fourths of this time has personally taken cognizance of the eventful periods, finds his mind thrilled as memory presents to his view the scenes so connected with the locality. It fills my soul with gratitude, though mingled with sadness, that I have lived so much in this eventful century.

"Where are the friends of my youth?" Many are lost in the grave's unconscious womb—yet fond memory brings to light the many pleasurable days with our associates; the family circle, the common public school, so dear to every Yankee that it makes him revolt at every attempt to interfere with the plan of our fathers. The church, in its primitive excellence, founded and established by the common demand of our spiritual and social nature, a factor in our relations in the body politic, and of consolation under affliction, linking the best of this transitory existence to the real and the eternal, where the great majority reside. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Music, the church's handmaid, plays an important part in its perpetuity.

I ought to say a word in regard to the building of the Baptist—now Methodist—church. I have been *en rapport* with the three generations extending back more than a century. Our ancestors built

well and conscientiously. "Uncle" Jesse—my father—and Andrew Hutchinson, two brothers, worked on the building, with my grandfather, Andrew Leavitt, acting as master carpenter. Grandfather Leavitt was a soldier of the Revolution. He fought at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was one of the three hundred who kept the British at bay. Afterward, he was detailed to build anew the waste places caused by the burning of Charlestown. This patriot received an honorable discharge at the end of seven years of conflict. He earnestly and honestly labored with these two brothers, for he could handle his kit of tools like an expert, and erected the Baptist church—as he had previously aided in building the Congregational church—later converted into a hall for town purposes, on the hill just by the north bank of our stream, subsequently removed to its present site. Grandfather Hutchinson was a member of this church, and served as clerk of the society.

Here we were nurtured in the tenets of the Baptist persuasion. For years our family formed the principal part of the choir, and here, Grandfather Leavitt, with father and mother, listened to the first concert of the Hutchinson family, Tribe of Jesse, thirteen sons and daughters, given in the building they had so recently helped to erect. Solomon K. Livermore, Esq., a worthy citizen, volunteered and gave a very fine discourse on music. The concert was a success, and compliments were most profuse.

It was on the farm we disciplined our voices, and learned to chant songs of freedom, and of praise to the God of our fathers. We embraced, as we thought, a religion that welcomed all the race of man to a common plane of brotherhood; our hearts beat in sympathy for the oppressed of all nations, and our souls were fired with indignation by the wrongs of four millions of bondmen. So we sang through the land, in their behalf,—

"Pity, kind gentlemen, friends of humanity,  
Cold is the world to the cries of God's poor;  
Give us our freedom, ye friends of Christianity,  
Give us our rights, for we ask nothing more."

As members of the quartette, Judson, John, Asa, and Abby, the four youngest of the family, we early trained our voices to sing with spirit and understanding, and soon moved the hearts of the public and won its plaudits. Here we commenced our original style of concerts, and after entertaining the people in the vicinity, ventured to the larger cities, Boston and elsewhere.

There came to our village in 1843 some radicals, William Lloyd Garrison and N. P. Rogers, with others. Among them were Parker Pillsbury, Stephen Foster, Abby Kelly, and Fred. Douglass, all laboring in the cause of freedom to remove from our escutcheon the stains of slavery. They held an anti-slavery meeting in the Congregational church. This, with similar meetings, aroused attention and sympathy for the downtrodden. The sentiments promulgated were in



accord with our own, and so we joined the army of the Lord, to battle against the mighty. Most of our townsfolk enjoyed the music, though some would deride. But we heeded not their opposition, for the "God bless you," that came from a true abolitionist outweighed and tipped the beam of the scoffer or scornful, so we blessed them in return. All of the reformers mentioned frequently visited and were entertained at our house.

It might be profitable, if time would allow, to recite the names of hundreds of men and women, some few of whom survived the wreck of time, and rounded out a hundred years. We must recall Mrs. Towne, whose lights were not shadowed by cares and sorrows. Still the moment of demise came, and her soul was wafted to the realms of eternal light. At our last call this centenarian held in her embrace the new family Bible, just presented by Sister Abby, and acknowledged the testimonial in sweet accented sentences, after which we sang:

"My sister I wish you well;  
When our Lord calls, I trust we shall be mentioned in the promised land."

With her "amen," we breathed one more strain:

"We are almost home, to join the angel band."

A veteran of the Revolution, Col. Joshua Burnham, resided near my father's house. He presented my brother, who bore his name, his silk sash, which he once wore on parade, when it was reviewed by General Washington. This is cherished as an heirloom. I remember some titled comrades once visiting him in his humble cot. They said one was of Washington's staff. He was an honored pensioner, and passed away at the age of ninety-five. His epitaph reads thus:

"Soldier of the Revolution, zealous in his country's cause,  
Faithful to the Constitution and obedient to its laws."

So the periods of time have marked the demise of the dear ones, the memory of whose virtues will be cherished by all succeeding generations. Patriots who toiled and in their country's cause bled nobly, and their deeds, as they deserve, received proud recompense.

Some names of our acquaintances we delight to mention, prominent among them: The Peabodys, Buxtons, Stimpson, Pearsons, Burns, Averill, Bartlett, Ramsdell, Moore, Crosbys, Chase, Mills. The several tribes of Hutchinson, numbering at one time more than a hundred souls, all claiming kinship through somewhat remote scions with the family tree of two hundred and seventy years' growth in America, were found scattered up and down in the valleys and on the hills on either side of the river. Nearly all were agriculturalists. With the culture of cereals and vegetables, we, with most of the farming communities, obtained a large revenue from hop raising.



The gathering of the crop was most pleasing, associated with aid from the men and women of our neighborhoods, who gathered in groups about the hop boxes, vying with each other in their efforts to fill the largest heap of the cleanest picked into the box. The odor from the hops was most vivifying; love stories were told, or songs were sung, while all looked forward to the pay-day. How solicitous were the proprietors as the inspector, Stephen Peabody, rode up the lane, and cutting a hole in the closely packed bag, took therefrom a handful of hops, and brought it in contact with his nose. Everything depended on the smell, for first or second would be the grade, according to his whim. Opinions varied, but the ready cash that came in the sale of the article was judiciously appropriated for the comfort of the families. The wives sometimes received the long-promised calico dress, and the children some shoes. Economy was a cardinal virtue for old and young in those days, for there was an established principle to pay one's debts.

In Washingtonian times we espoused the temperance reform. With this great reform came the giving up of the hop culture, so we sang "Plow up your hops" at a grand convention held on Fourth of July. Cider making was much diminished. It was said one farmer in South Milford was so carried away by the excitement that he cut down all his cider apple trees. The Order of the Sons of Temperance was first organized in our hall, and Milford, for years, was the banner temperance town, so acknowledged by the state. Again, we raised our voices against this traffic, and the song was:

" King Alcohol has many forms  
By which he catches men;  
He is a beast of many horns,  
And ever thus has been."  
There's rum and gin and beer and wine,  
And brandy of logwood hue,  
And these, with other fiends combined,  
Will make any man look blue.  
He says, be merry,  
For here's your cherry,  
And port and sherry,  
And Tom and Jerry,  
And spirits of every hue,  
Oh, are not these a fiendish crew,  
As ever mortal knew ?

The sequel to these excitements established sober homes. We held many temperance meetings and concerts, under the auspices of the State Temperance Committee or Association.

How proud we, a band of fourteen boys, were to play our martial music as we marched at the head of the parade on training and muster days, each blowing with might his own air into his favorite instrument. The Kings, Halls, Turner, Buxton, Goss, French, were names of some of these musicians, members of the band. I delight to number with them Major Phineas Stimpson, who was the fifer and

drummer. His occupation was as a boot- and shoemaker, and he whistled and hummed at every stitch he drew in his shoe. He was a lover of the art of music, and taught the rudiments in those early days—a worthy citizen. He served as undertaker for years.

Mr. Richardson directed the Baptist choir for a period, but resigned in favor of Brother Joshua, who served as chorister for the choir for twenty-five years. He had, as co-workers, his brothers, and so famous was the singing that the Congregational society engaged brother Judson, and he, with Asa and myself, led the singing for a season. Jesse was then leading a choir in Lynn.

How well I remember the singing of three ladies who aided us. They were students of the female seminary, coming from adjoining towns, and our hearts and souls were kindled with a flame of sacred love, and we worshipped at these shrines, and the association ripened into harmony. Their names were Sarah French, Jane R. French, and Tryphenia Tupper. Jane is still living in Milford. At last we unitedly resolved to make propositions for engagement, and on Saturday night each repaired to the home of his sweetheart, and asked the question, "Will you be mine?" The answers were to be announced at our meeting the following day; but as the course of true love never does run smooth, the order was put in abeyance, and we were obliged to abide on probation:

"Better, some adviser said,  
To always court and never wed."

Our family erected a building near the stone bridge, opposite the Baptist church, and dedicated a hall, naming it Liberty Hall. Here meetings were held. Free discussions were permitted. We sang of freedom, as we could not sing in our old Baptist church. Some said we would wreck our prospects of fame and fortune. What cared we, as long as we were in the way of duty? The very atmosphere was permeated with the pro-slavery spirit. It had captivated the whole nation, church, and state.

The United States suffered from the stigma of slavery in every nook and corner. The anti-slavery people were persecuted, mobbed, and driven from halls and churches where they attempted to speak. The fugitive slave law was enacted, compelling all citizens to become watch dogs to hunt down the runaways escaping from the tyrant's grasp *en route* towards the North star of freedom.

We sang the song dedicated to Fred. Douglass by Brother Jesse:

"I'll be free! I'll be free! and none shall confine  
With fetters and bonds this free spirit of mine!  
From my youth I have vowed in my God to rely,  
And, despite the oppressor, gain freedom or die,  
Though my back is all torn by the merciless rod,  
Yet firm is my trust in the right arm of God;  
In His strength I'll go forth, and forever will be  
'Mong the hills of the North, where the bondmen are free."

We were driven from the cities of Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Washington, and threatened with mobs in New York and Boston. In the latter city, Burns, the fugitive, was remanded back to slavery. The poor Whig party, by its mouthpiece, Daniel Webster, had fully succumbed to this element. The South became *en rapport* with the Democracy, and the Free-Soil party was filling its ranks with the best of the scattered fragments of the once proud, though compromising, Whig party, which at last was reduced to the makeshift of such nominees as Bell and Everett, they receiving but three thousand votes in the canvass. So we sang:—

“Edward Everett oped his mouth  
For the votes of the South,  
But his wishy-washy speech was so rotten  
That it struck to his spine  
And he took a bee-line  
Lodged in State street, behind a bag of cotton.”

But Fremont was not elected, and time sped on. The opposition and excitement were at a white heat. Buchanan, the president, was bewildered, and the fire-eaters were in danger of wrecking the ship of state. Lincoln, the Republican candidate, was nominated amid the storm of dissolving party strife; the campaign was vigorously prosecuted, and victory crowned the efforts of the new party. Lincoln was inaugurated, surrounded by the bitterest of traitors who had dogged his steps from Springfield, Illinois, to the Capitol—all the time in danger of assassination, and only by the timely announcement of the obligation resting upon him to return the fugitives, was he rendered comparatively safe and enabled to take the oath of office.

Then followed the Rebellion—four years of war; first to save the Union, next, to emancipate the slave. Milford, like all other loyal towns and cities north of Mason and Dixon's line, was aroused to action, and all, both Republicans and Democrats, vied with one another in volunteering in this glorious warfare.

Some years previous to this, I was discussing with my friend, Oliver Lull, in his office, the vexing question of slavery. He spoke in pacific terms of the rights of the South. I said to him: “I suppose in keeping with your Democratic proclivities, if war was inevitable, you, sir, would be inclined to favor your Southern allies, and draw your sword in defence of their rights as against the North?”

I can never forget the reply, as, raising himself to his full height from his seat, he answered: “*No, never!* I would be a volunteer in the armies of the North, and fight for Liberty and Union.” And for thirty years his widow has been clad in the habiliments of mourning for a brave husband, soldier, and patriot, who sacrificed his life in defence of his country. Colonel Lull's memory will long be cherished for his bravery, and all who fought under him will honor his name. The lines of Bryant, written for Lincoln, I will dedicate to Milford's noble son:

"Thy task is done, the bond are free,  
We bear thee to an honored grave,  
Whose proudest monument shall be  
The broken fetters of the slave.

"Pure was thy life, its bloody close  
Hath placed thee with the sons of light,  
Amid the noble host of those  
Who perished in the cause of right."

To return, for a moment, to scenes in old Milford. In those old times, farmers contracted with their help during haying-time for a supply of New England rum. Some could hold more, some less. A pint a day was considered a moderate supply.

All surplus funds from the avails of the Hutchinsons' public concerts abroad we brought home to Milford, and they were loaned at small interest to our citizens. Thus, many local enterprises were inaugurated; houses were built on Hay's hill on funds borrowed from the Hutchinsons. We purchased the old neglected store once occupied by Abial Lovejoy. He kept a grocery and dry goods store, and furnished codfish and rum and gin for the militia, which companies, on training days, rendezvoused in the old hall. The building was repaired at an expense of \$4,000 for stores, tenements, and a new capacious hall above, dedicated on one Fourth of July to freedom.

I purchased of Dr. Fuller this estate, on which now stands our town hall, the library, and banquet hall, the bank building, the brick schoolhouse, and numerous stores and dwellings. These lots were sold to parties, and utilized as you see. Our family were present, and sang at the laying of the corner-stone of the town hall.

We declined to retain funds obtained from the proceeds of local concerts, given from time to time. A considerable sum was realized from one benefit entertainment for planting and protecting the trees now shading the encircling public ground on the square. Our venerable and honored townsman, Rev. Mr. Moore, set the elm now standing in the centre. He said to me: "The sterile soil needs fertilizers. Will you allow me to take a few wheelbarrow loads from your field?" "Most certainly." We assisted him to do what every one ought to do, *plant a tree*. His industrious habits were a constant stimulus to well doing. His humor and cheerful sayings were the life and spur of the town. Originality was a marked feature along his professional career, as when he "brushed in his wild oats" at college. I recall his mystic prayer on a Masonic occasion: "We pray for we know not what. If it is good, bless it; if bad, cuss it. Amen." Being a Congregationalist, he could do no better. He was a sprinkler. Immersion with him was superfluous. I heard him pray thus, at a Baptist revival: "One Lord, one faith." The latter word was very much suppressed and qualified. He did not wish to offend. When asked by Brother Joshua concerning his health, he answered, in his lisping way: "I am perfectly thound above my knees."

It was said of him, as representative, while discussing, at the state house at Concord, some question of thrift among his constituents, that he remarked: "One man, Jesse Hutchinson, beside his other products, is making money by raising boys." He built a house for his Euclid, and Harriet, his wife, both comparatively small people. The question was asked him, "What are you going to do?" He said he was going to "raise Tom Thumbs."

Rev. Mark Carpenter, of the Baptist church, was more of a horse jockey than Brother Moore. He would swap until his steed would win in the race. He could hammer his pulpit when his brains refused activity. He was a lover of music, however, and could teach. My brother Asa and I, being denied the opportunity to attend the public school in the village, requested the privilege of reciting our lessons to him, but horse was on his mind, he could not take in the jacks, so we repaired to the lyceum, and they heard us gladly.

One day, being in the Unitarian meeting in the old town hall, I was seated by Mr. Livermore and daughter. Seeing I had no hymn-book that day, he brought me one the following Sunday. He handed me a book, supposing it was the very kind. The hymn was called. Opening the book, I discovered that a mistake had been made. I had an arithmetic, but being satisfied no evil was intended, I kept it open, and most lustily sang on the hymns as they were given out, and no one noticed any discrepancy. In the afternoon he gave me the real hymns, while he had the figures and wrestled with the problem. I struggled to suppress a smile until meeting was done, when we shook hands, as honors were equal. This proved a tie of warm friendship ever after.

I think I was the first come-outer in New Hampshire, having withdrawn, for conscience's sake, in 1835, after membership from the age of ten to fifteen.

Looking backward over the century just rounded out, we realize that, compared with any previous one hundred years, it has proved an eventful period in the march of civilization. The inventive genius of the race has been taxed to its utmost. We have had handed down to us, as it were from some ethereal sphere, the wonders of the ages. The arts and sciences have filled the land with culture, and produced revolutions in numerous appliances in the mechanical world, all of which are labor saving. When adapted to the necessities of the generation, they will prove inestimable blessings to the whole race of man. We mention here a few of these great developed powers: Steam, in its multifarious adaptations to mechanics. In navigation, it makes the ocean a highway for ponderous vessels, freighted with the products of all nations. It drives the engine with its numerous trains loaded with its human beings over the railroad tracks of the land, it "speeds the plow," and sets the millions of spindles in our factories in motion. It cooks our food, it warms our homes, and to make all safe, it seems but to utter this injunction:



“Harness me down with your iron bands,  
Be sure of your curb and rein.”

Edison, Thomson, and Houston, with their electric plants controlling the most powerful element in nature, with its “still, small voice,” commands the thoroughfares of city and country, with its staff pointing up toward heaven, touching by its revolving trolley the electric cord, demanding, in no uncertain way, the mighty propelling power, and with its neatness and purity displacing the animal kingdom, whose overburdened draught has so long taxed the sympathies to pity. This power turns night into day, and brightens our way, aiding the struggling moonbeam’s misty light until the orb of day, the eye of the father of light, eliminates all darkness. With the advent of these inventions shall many more enter smiling at the door.

But social has not kept pace with mechanical progress. A struggle is now pending. The monopolies of wealth have usurped the inventive genius of the people for their own aggrandizement, and humbled the man to a beggarly attitude. They heed not the voice of the populace, “*We starve, we die, O give us bread*” (work). *There must be something wrong.*

The wide door to the arena of politics is about to open, and woman is waiting to step in and occupy her sphere as helpmeet to her brother man. Our national congress is a stigma before the world, a satire on progress. Its members refuse the light as men alone may do, for their deeds are evil.

It would be a good plan to send more educated laymen and fewer lawyers to congress, or else some industrial army will grasp the sceptre, and a revolution will succeed this indifference to the cries of God’s poor.

“Life is the time to serve the Lord.” This principle has stimulated the action of the Hutchinson family, and as opportunity offered, we have availed ourselves of a chance to work in His vineyard. At the lecture given by Frederick Douglass in Boston, last month, I was introduced, to say a few words and to sing a song. I begged the privilege, previous to the singing, of introducing George Latimer, once a slave, who had accompanied me to the platform. I said that fifty-two years ago I went with my brother Jesse from Lynn to Boston to rescue this man. We sang, as we entered the chapel to meet the convention, “Oh, liberate the bondman.” While discussing the plan of rescue, it was announced that the slave was free. Some friend, the unknown, had furnished the price set by the master, and four hundred dollars was paid for his ransom. I said: “What a lack of wisdom in our legislators and the community at large to sacrifice a million of the flower of the land, and thousands of millions in treasure, when the policy adopted by the mother country, to purchase all the slaves, and save the agony of transformation, might have been adopted.” This man has been an industrious citizen for more than half a century. We then sang, “Over the mountain,” etc.

With my family, son Harry, and daughter Viola, I sung to the soldiers on the Potomac, and so provoked the rebel element in the army as to cause our expulsion. But Lincoln and his cabinet reinstated us, and General McClellan was asked to report at Trenton. The government was not in favor of returning these contrabands of war. We had sung Whittier's great song, "The Furnace Blast."

At the funeral of John G. Whittier, I said a few words, and Sister Abby helped me to sing:—

"As man may, he fought his fight,  
Proved his truth by his endeavor;  
Let his name in golden light,  
Live forever and forever."

In behalf of all my brothers and sisters in the spirit land, I would say, as they would, be steadfast and ardent; help one another; be zealous in love's high calling—"slow to smite and swift to spare"; labor for the country's good.

Mothers, sisters, lovers! The millennial day is about to dawn. Lay aside the habiliments of mourning; the day of rejoicing is at hand. You need not apprehend the babes at your breasts will be nursed to supply the army of greed, and be slaughtered to nourish avarice. All future vexing questions of diplomacy with the nations of the earth will be settled by arbitration.

"Oh, then will come the glorious day,  
And may it last forever,  
When all the nations of the earth  
In peace shall dwell together."

Let this be our motto, as we enter upon the second century of our municipality: "The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man."

HON. GEORGE A. RAMSDELL.

*President Wallace*:—The first century of the town is replete with important and interesting events, which it is desirable should be preserved in historical form for the use of future generations, and not be suffered to pass into oblivion. The town is fortunate in having a distinguished son descended from two of the noted families of Milford, who has kindly undertaken the task for which he is so well fitted by education and ability, the Hon. George A. Ramsdell, who will now favor us with some historical sketches of Milford.

*Mr. President*:

We are celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of this town. But when we think and talk of its real history, it is fit and proper to add half a century, and think and talk of everything which has transpired for one hundred and fifty years, upon the soil which to-day we proudly call the town of Milford.

The first white man to build a human habitation within the present

limits of the town was Thomas Nevins. His location was in the southeastern part of the town. Nothing remains to mark the spot save evidences that a cellar once existed. The permanent settlement of the town began when William Peabody commenced to clear the farm on the north side of the river, which as a part of Amherst had been given to his father by the state of Massachusetts, on account of the service of his grandfather in King Philip's war, and which remained in the Peabody name more than one hundred years.

In imagination let me roll back the wheels of time one hundred and fifty years, and what do we here behold? Peabody established on his farm—John Shepard with his grist and sawmill erected on the Gilson privilege, given to him by the town of Amherst, on condition that he build a mill, the machinery of which was to be dragged part of the way by hand through the forests; Benjamin Hopkins, with his friend and hired man, Caleb Jones, laying the foundations of his bullet-proof dwelling a little north of the residence of the late Luke Smith, on his magnificent farm of over eleven hundred acres; John Burns hoeing his corn on the George W. Dunclee farm, about a mile and a half from where we stand. These five men, with their families (excepting, of course, the Nevins settlement), made up the entire population of our territory one hundred and fifty years ago. It is not certain that Hopkins and Burns had completed their dwellings so as to be counted actual settlers in 1744, but they were here a part of the year, at least, at work upon the land.

These men were followed by Nathan Hutchinson, who bought of Hopkins a part of the Charlestown school-farm, and settled where Edwin D. Searles now lives; by Elisha Town, whose cabin was built a little northeast of the East Milford railroad station; by Andrew Bradford, who settled upon the J. Fitch Crosby place; by Abner Hutchinson, whose home was near the residence of the late John Bartlett, on the north side of the river; by Capt. Josiah Crosby, who chose the farm now owned by his descendants on the Wilton road; by William Wallace, who built upon the hillside, near the residence of the late David Hutchinson, on the old Mont Vernon road; and by Ebenezer Averill, the great grandfather of Clinton S. Averill, who settled upon the Averill farm near the Mont Vernon line. Caleb Jones, after serving Hopkins for a sufficient time, but less than seven years, took his daughter Deborah for a wife, and set up keeping house in what was then known as the Mile Slip.

The prosperous condition of things all about us cannot be accounted for without some reference to the men and women who made the first permanent settlement in this valley. Of the first eleven families clearing the forests and making homes here, nine were from Massachusetts, and presumably of Puritan stock; and two were from the Londonderry colony and of Scotch-Irish origin,—a good mixture of blood for a town, state, or nation. I am not unfamiliar with the histories of the New Hampshire towns, and with

confidence born of careful study, I know it can truthfully be said that the men who laid the foundations of this town were of no common mould, and that the names of Peabody, Burns, Hopkins, Shepard, Jones, Nathan Hutchinson, Bradford, Town, Crosby, Wallace, Averill, and Abner Hutchinson, should be pronounced with reverence, notwithstanding Jones was a little eccentric and early in life planted a cherry tree, had it cut into boards, out of which he made a coffin for his own burial, and kept it in his dwelling until the time of his decease.

These men, with wives who were helpmeets indeed, were all settled upon our soil before the year 1755, and were in the front ranks of the founders of the town of Milford. There were, in fact, but few other inhabitants within our limits at this early day. Of these forefathers it can be remarked, that as a whole they were men of uncommon strength of character; that all had honorable careers; that, without exception, they remained in town, and were buried by their children, and I believe without exception to-day are honorably represented among the inhabitants of the town. I have made search for something like it, but find no instance where all the early settlers are so well represented after the lapse of nearly a century and a half.

Jonathan Towne, the ancestor of the late Wm. B. Towne, to whose well-directed zeal in historical matters and productive labor upon the early history of Milford families, we are much indebted, came here in 1759, and was followed by Ebenezer Pearson, in 1762, and a long line of worthy settlers.

I pass by all that these men and their children did in the last century. You have already heard how nobly Capt. Josiah Crosby and others bore themselves at Bunker Hill, how valiantly Andrew Bradford's son, Captain John, and others, fought at Bennington, and come to the opening of the present century.

The year 1802 saw the settlement of Humphrey Moore, and the year 1809, brought to town the young lawyer, Solomon K. Livermore.

They were men of large minds and warm hearts, graduates of Harvard College and lifelong friends. I doubt not that these men, during the earlier days of their active manhood, had many good and true helpers, but to us who knew them well, they stand out with commanding prominence, when we think of the first half of the century. The town had the best they had to give. They were servants of the public, and every man their neighbor. None was too poor or ignorant to cross the threshold of their dwellings. The impress of their lives appears in many another life, and your streets and public places continue to tell of them. While in the early history of many towns social distinctions, founded on the unequal distribution of wealth, have existed, and some houses have been counted too good for common people to enter, there was not and

never has been any of it here. The only aristocracy I have ever heard of in Milford has been and is the aristocracy to which we all aspire to belong—the aristocracy of noble souls.

The fathers whom I have named in connection with Stephen Peabody, Abiel Lovejoy, Dr. John Wallace, and others not a few, laid the foundations of the Milford Lyceum in 1831. I refer much of the past and present intellectual activity of the town to this most helpful institution. In it two generations were educated. While it issued no diplomas every man graduating from it took with him something in many respects better than the traditional sheepskin—the ability to think and write and defend himself “and his cause” in public speech. The town has been fortunate, not only in its men who laid the foundations; the men who guided affairs in the earlier part of the century, but in the men as I remember them from the year 1840 to the close of the Civil War (most of whom have joined the majority and can be spoken of freely), who bore the burdens of society, giving it the tone it has had and the character it now bears. They were men of thought as well as action, and I believe were in large measure intellectually developed by the village lyceum. Without doubt the business impetus which the town took on during these years would have come without the lyceum; that manufacturing under George Daniels, Hiram A. Daniels, and others would have flourished; that the business zeal which Daniel Putnam and Leonard Chase possessed, and which was such a powerful factor in the development of the town’s resources, would have shown itself without the lyceum, and yet I am persuaded that the position of the town as a community of commanding influence in the state; as the home of many actors in the temperance and anti-slavery causes, has been attained very largely by reason of the existence for thirty consecutive years of the Milford Lyceum. The Hutchinson family of singers, afterwards famous, and the givers of fame and name to the town, were in part at least brought out by the lyceum. All honor to the old lyceum.

In smaller and less prosperous towns we walk about the streets and within ancient burial-places where

“The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep,”

with feeling akin to that experienced in visiting old and decayed countries, and can hardly suppress the words “*Illium fuit*,” for all about us are evidences that at some former time there was more of thrift, intelligence, and solid acquisition than at present. But in our history it can truthfully be said that much as the present is debtor to the past, and much as we revere the men who laid the foundations of present prosperity, their descendants with new blood from almost every quarter of the compass, are proving themselves equal to the task of making the town all that has been hoped for and prophesied of it in the past.



In closing his remarks, the historian is glad to certify that he has played the part of the inquisitor, and finds that at all times and under all circumstances during the century and a half, in war as well as peace, Milford has honored all drafts made upon the town, and that in the exercise of the prophetic gift which all historians are allowed to call into use, he sees nothing but abundant prosperity in store for the good old town.

HON. ALBERT E. PILLSBURY.

*President Wallace*.:—The town of Milford has with her to-day, one of her sons, a descendant of one of New Hampshire's best families, who in winning the highest distinction in the legal profession in Massachusetts, has reflected credit and honor on his native town, and for whom there is always a warm spot in her heart, the Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury, ex-attorney-general of Massachusetts, who will now address you.

(Mr. Pillsbury's remarks are here reproduced, so far as they can be, from recollection, aided by notes made at the time.)

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Citizens, and Natives of Milford*:

At this hour of the afternoon I suspect that you will pay most attention to the voice of the clock, which has just reminded us that these exercises, with the heat of the day, may overtax your commendable patience, and that the things which are left unsaid may please you best. Fortunately for us who come after them, the orator of the day and the town historian have admirably covered the ground of the occasion. I think of one thing, however, which the orator and the historian have not said, though doubtless they have thought of it. It must have floated across their minds, as perhaps it has across yours, that when the history of your second century is written, we shall find on one of its earlier pages, something like this: "It was a happy and appropriate coincidence that New Hampshire joined with Milford to celebrate her centennial year by taking one of her sons to fill the office of governor, while the legislature chosen at the same time elevated another to a seat in the senate of the United States."

As the parent town of Amherst is officially represented here, and has been heard from, it may be in order for a citizen of Massachusetts to say a word in behalf of the parent Commonwealth. If I were not here as a son of Milford, but as a Massachusetts man, I should say that Milford is only a part of Massachusetts gone astray. The earliest jurisdiction exercised over this territory was by Massachusetts. The earliest land grants here were made by Massachusetts. And while the people of New Hampshire have a notion that the order of snuffy old George II in 1740 fixed and settled the

southern boundary of the state over yonder where it now is, that boundary has always been the subject of much dispute, and I warn his Excellency, the Governor, that Massachusetts still has a covetous eye on the southern part of his province. I have heard of an old woman who lived near the southerly line of North Carolina, who objected loudly to a proposed scheme to annex her strip of territory to South Carolina, on the ground that she had always heard that South Carolina was a very unhealthy state. If it should turn out by some new correction of the surveyor's lines that Milford really belongs in Massachusetts, I can assure you of a hospitable reception into that Commonwealth, and that its climate is salubrious. And in view of this possibility I congratulate my friend Ramsdell that he is running for governor now. I have some reasons to believe that New Hampshire is a better state for that purpose than Massachusetts, at least for a New Hampshire man.

If I should indulge in the reminiscences which the day naturally suggests, I fear this audience would be as far away before I finished, as my memory is at this moment. The orator of the day has made a just and appropriate reference to the old brick schoolhouse; but I must remind him that another generation has passed across this stage since his time. I cannot forbear to say a word of the Milford high school, one of the earliest and one of the best in New Hampshire. In that school we were taught that most valuable lesson, which we have had occasion to apply every day of our lives—to find out the reason of things. We were taught not only facts, but the meaning and significance of the facts. I am glad of this opportunity to acknowledge my own obligation to a teacher who understood that the end of education is not to cram the youthful mind with a mass of information of which half is misunderstood and the other half likely to be forgotten, but to awaken and train it to the right use of its own powers.

It would have given me pleasure to say something of my early recollections of this town, and of the men who built it up and established its character, and especially to speak of the Milford abolitionists, the men and women who made the heroic chapter in the history of this town; but they have already been fitly and eloquently eulogized. I must pass by these and other topics, to say something which may be of more practical consequence, which has been suggested to me by a very recent occurrence in this hall.

Among the changes which time has worked in this quiet country village, none is more striking than the change in the people themselves. There are new men here now, and new races. I remember the time when a foreigner was almost a curiosity in the streets, where now three languages are familiarly spoken every day. Among this people there are differences of opinion and of belief on many subjects. But there must be one rule and one law for all who live in this community. The rights and privileges of all are to be equally

respected. There must be no persecution for the sake of opinion, and no interference with the free expression of opinion within the bounds of the law. On the very eve of this celebration, I read in the public prints, with shame and indignation, that a speaker, addressing a public meeting, was pelted and driven from this hall. I know and care but little who or what he was. He may be a fanatic. He may have been indiscreet. To some he may have been offensive. But he had a right to be heard by those who chose to hear him. In this town, where my parents and family have been known for nearly half a century, I do not think I shall be suspected of bigotry, or of any race of religious prejudice, but to make the matter clear, let me say that I hold all good citizens of whatever race or faith in equal esteem. I have not a particle of sympathy or respect for this unwise, un-American, and unchristian crusade of one sect or church against another. Your fellow-citizens of foreign birth who have come and cast their lot with you are welcome, and will always be welcome. They have helped to build up this town; they share its burdens and its fortunes. But one thing must be understood. They must obey its laws. This country, and this town, are not for Catholic or Protestant. They are for law-abiding American citizens, without distinction of origin or belief. Whatever is done here must be done decently, and in order. It has been the pride and boast of the people of Milford for a hundred years, that in this place liberty of conscience and the free expression of opinion have been maintained against all odds. Have the old times gone with the old men, and is the public platform in Milford no longer free? If so, this is an empty celebration, and the American flag, with which you have hung your walls, has no place in it. If I were a citizen of Milford—and as a son of Milford I hold an interest in her good name—sooner than have it published to the world that Milford can be terrorized by a mob, or that a public meeting cannot be peaceably held here for the expression of any decent opinions on any subject, I would see the banks of the Souhegan laid as waste and barren as before they were trodden by the foot of man. I know there are here still honest, self-respecting, and law-abiding citizens of Irish birth or descent. Some of them are my personal friends. They should be first to rebuke this outrage, and first and last to see that the like never happens again in this town. I would that every Irishman in Milford were in sound of my voice, that I might say to him,—Have you forgotten your brothers, the brave and patriotic Irishmen whose names are written on yonder memorial tablets? Have you forgotten that they gave their blood and their lives for the maintenance of law and order in New Hampshire, no less than in Virginia or South Carolina? And do you forget by overturning the law, or suffering it to be overturned, in this town, you outrage their memory and trample on the very principles for which they fell? Away with this petty jealousy of creeds! There is no place for it beneath that flag.

Away, too, with the thoughts that violence at the hands of the mob can be suffered to disturb the peace of this New Hampshire town! We are one people, sharing one common lot, subject to one rule, and that the rule of liberty and order; and all good citizens, of all races and all faiths, must and will stand together to maintain and defend it.

I have said this because these things are of vital importance to the future of this town. At one hundred years, Milford is in vigorous youth, with her history but just begun. It is for you to make it as you would have it, and first of all it is for you to preserve her good name. It is the best legacy of the past century. That Milford will prosper there is no one here who doubts. That procession of the trades and industries which we saw and admired this morning will move, and grow as it moves. You have found a new source of prosperity, greater, perhaps, than all the rest. To-day the stubborn granite of these hills, which yield no crop to the farmer, is turning into gold under the blows of the quarrymen. You will become populous. You will grow rich. You may expand into a city. But there is more than this to be looked for and worked for. Good towns are made only of good men. The influence and example of one public-spirited citizen will do more for a community than the wealth of a dozen sordid or indifferent men. A hundred years hence, when this anniversary returns, the most interesting question about you will be, not how many factories you built, or how much trade you carried on, but, what manner of men and women were these people of Milford? How did they live and think and feel? What did they do for good morals, good government, public intelligence, social progress, the elevation of their community above the level of mere commercial enterprise? Fortunate, indeed, if it may then be written of you and of those who are to follow you: "They were enterprising, courageous, and successful. They built and traded and prospered. But in their prosperity they never forgot that their best inheritance was a good name. They never forgot that the most precious possession of towns, as of men, is not the riches that perish, but the character that endures. They held fast to the sober Saxon virtues of industry, thrift, temperance, order, respect for rights, obedience to law. They maintained freedom of opinion and liberty of speech. They kept the precepts of religion, each according to his own belief, not only in their churches, but in their lives. They upheld the ancient reputation of Milford for intelligence, virtue, and public spirit, and made this town a place in which good men and women could grow up, live happy and die content, a centre of good influences, an example to other communities, an anchor of the state."

HON. RODNEY M. STIMSON.

*President Wallace* :—One of the sons of Milford descended from one of her oldest families, has wandered far away to the state of Ohio,



where his useful and honorable life reflects credit upon himself and his native town, which he has not forgotten after these long years of absence, but has returned to pay a grateful tribute to her on this occasion. The Hon. R. M. Stimson, of Marietta, Ohio, will now address you, giving you some of his reminiscences of the town.

*Ladies and Gentlemen :*

If I had a prepared address, which I have not, I should not want to deliver it now, after you have been sitting here nearly three hours. Nor will I uncork the bottle of reminiscences, for then if you would stay, you would be here three hours longer.

I wish to emphasize the suggestion of Mr. Ramsdell, a few minutes ago, to name this square in front of us "Crosby Square." There is a fitness in it.

Also, I wish to emphasize the remarks of Mr. Pillsbury, in relation to the mob spirit showing in this hall last Friday night. There are dangerous classes in this country, chiefly foreign-born, who must obey the laws; and with this there must be free speech, surely, in Milford, where it is a sacred right by all the traditions of the town.

Gratifying it is to me to meet here the people of Milford, a name so highly prized by me that my son was christened "Milford." Here I was born, nearly seventy-two years ago, on the spot where now stands the old town hall, a few rods to the north of this. Around and close by this square, were the days of my childhood. Here were passed in pleasantness the days of my youth. Here I played ball, trundled the hoop, swam and skated, and went to school. Here were centered my hopes and aspirations as a young man. From the north to the south, and from the east to the west lines of the town, I rambled over the hills and the valleys and the winding streams, and through the roads, the lanes, and the by-paths. And to-day, at whatever distance, and through the years ago, every spot, as it were, is clearly photographed on my mind. In 1840 I could call by name every one of the three hundred and forty-eight voters in Milford. Now but eight of these are still living here: Granville Turner, James M. Burns,—over to my right, who was a friend of mine when I needed friends. I had other friends here, Daniel Russell, Rev. Dr. Humphrey Moore, Solomon Kidder Livermore, Charles R. Wallace. The others of the voters of 1840, now living here, are John Lovejoy, Wm. G. D. Burt, Abel C. Crosby, Edmund P. Hutchinson, William Jones, and Benjamin F. Hutchinson,—who just now was sitting here on the stage. Here, a half century ago I cast my first vote. I left Milford in 1845 to become a citizen of Ohio.

Two points only I will now mention.

First, the exceedingly beautiful topography of Milford. Take down five and a half miles from Dram Cup Hill, so called by Jonathan Danforth, a surveyor in 1670, when he established the northwest corner of the old town of Dunstable; from this hill, near Jones's Corner,



to the little brook, some two miles below here, where Jacob T. Fuller used to live; and then take in the sweep up the hills of Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough, and across the valley to Federal Hill, and the Burns's Hill on the south, and if there is a more lovely spot anywhere, I have never seen it—charming, enchanting. In the midst of this beauty, is a village, with its winding river joined in the centre by the brook, with its delightful streets, all forming a picture of loveliness nowhere else known to me.

Second, the high character of the people of Milford. In 1840—I speak by recollection—of the three hundred and forty-eight voters, there were forty Hutchinsons, eleven Lovejoys, eleven Guttersons, eleven Burnses, nine Crosbys, and eight Clarks,—more than one quarter of the whole. This was first-class stock; industrious, honest, and intelligent, characteristics which have extended down to this day through all the generations from the first settlement, permeating all the people of Milford, native and adopted, and will soon extend down through time. When I was a boy and a young man in Milford, I never knew one of anywhere near my own age to touch intoxicating liquors, and to hear one of them swear was very infrequent. Theft and personal assaults, misdemeanors and crimes, were almost wholly unknown in Milford. It is a place to be proud of, in its past and in its present, and wherever on earth you find a son of the town, you find one enthusiastic for Milford.

HON. JOHN MCLANE.

*President Wallace*:—There is present here one of Milford's adopted sons, who, although he had not the good fortune to be born in Milford, had the good sense to select this place for his home, one whom Milford delights to honor and have represent her in the legislature, the Hon. John McLane, president of the New Hampshire senate, who will now address you. Our Scotch ancestors; we will sing their songs and remember their virtues.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen*:

I desire to make my grateful acknowledgment for the privilege of addressing you on this interesting anniversary.

The spirit of the past is upon us to-day; reminiscence and retrospect rule the hour and the occasion. Your presence in such large numbers indicates that you appreciate the great honor which attaches to any man or woman who can claim the good old town of Milford for a birthplace. A beautiful town with an honorable history. I cannot claim this town as the place of my birth, but for a quarter of a century it has been my home. One of your daughters honored me by becoming my wife, and here my children have been born. My attachment to this place could not be stronger, and my love for this people is as deep and lasting as life itself. And yet I cannot forget that where I first saw the light many of your ancestors

were born, and the Scotch blood that flows in my veins is still traceable in yours.

For this reason, the few moments of your time which have been assigned to me, will be spent in some reflections on what the people of New Hampshire and New England owe to Scotland and the Scotch.

First to be considered, and of the most vital importance, is the character of the early settlers which Scotland sent to people these shores. They were strong and rugged in health, inured to hardships from their birth, prone to industry, and cultivators of the moral virtues. Their great national characteristic, which is manifested in all conditions of life, is, and always has been, love of God and human liberty. These fundamental principles of life are taught by the songs they sing in the highland hut, and from the lips of the preacher in the lowland kirk. The world pays true homage to Scottish bards, for his songs are the songs of all people in all climes where home is held sacred, and friends most dear. From such a people came John Knox and the great reformation, and the fires of religious liberty and toleration enkindled by John Knox and his faithful followers will continue to burn brighter and brighter as long as man shall exist with a brain to think or a heart to feel. Scotland furnished New England with her common school system, without which an enlightened people and a free government would be impossible. The schoolhouse is the rock on which is founded our security for the present and our hopes for the future; by it come honor and prosperity, and through it we may look forward to a more perfect and higher civilization, greater progress in the arts and sciences, and, governed by moral principles, a more lofty ideal of American citizenship.

The military spirit and love for home and country shown by the Scotch people have been demonstrated on countless occasions. About the first we hear of the Scotch is in Roman history, where we learn that after the Roman legions had overrun Europe they invaded Britain, subdued the people, and held them subject to imperial Rome for four hundred years; but the whole Roman army could not conquer Scotland, and no other nation has since had better success.

From such a race came the pride of New Hampshire, the brave General Stark, who commanded the troops from New Hampshire at the battle of Bunker Hill, and it was his countrymen who thrice that day repulsed the British at Pebbly beach, on the Mystic. The battle of Bunker Hill was won by New Hampshire soldiers, commanded by generals from the old Granite state; the same John Stark saved the day at Bennington, which was one of the most decisive battles of the war. The glory of his achievements is of such lasting nature that this very year the state of New Hampshire, by legislative enactment, will place in Statuary hall, in the capitol at Washington, a marble statue of heroic size of Maj.-Gen. John Stark.

Friends and fellow-citizens, we who have the red blood of Scotland in our veins may well be proud of the achievements of our countrymen wherever they may be found, in town, state, or nation. Twelve of the presidents of the United States, five of the chief justices of the supreme court, claim to be of Scotch origin, while the grand list of scholars, orators, and statesmen who have the same blood in their veins are without number. The Scotch emigrant needs not to be Americanized; he brings with him no Old World race of national antipathies, but a love of our country and our institutions. Americanism is a question of spirit, convictions, and purposes, and not of creed or birthplace. To be successful over the dangers that confront us, to achieve true greatness and reach the lofty ideal which the founders and preservers of our mighty republic have set before us, we must be true Americans in heart and soul, and in spirit and purpose. We must be proud of the glorious privilege of calling ourselves Americans!

Friends and fellow-citizens of Milford, time will not permit further discussion of this, to me, vastly interesting subject, for I am a Scotchman and am proud of the fact, and as a citizen of this one hundred years' old town, I am proud of its past history and hopeful for its future prosperity. May our descendants be loyal to the principles of truth, loyal to justice and liberty, and loyal to the blood of their ancestors!

CHRISTOPHER C. SHAW, ESQ.

*President Wallace*.:—Agriculture was once the only business in Milford. It has always been, and is now, one of the most important interests. I call upon Christopher C. Shaw, a son and lifelong resident of Milford, who has always been engaged in and taken a deep interest in agriculture, to speak for that interest.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen* :

Most highly do I appreciate this opportunity of participating in the exercises of this historic occasion. Milford and her associations have always been dear to my heart. For more than threescore and ten years—indeed, for the larger portion of the century that has now passed into history—have I been familiar with her people, her industries, and her social, political, and religious associations, and while there has always been enough of the spirit of rivalry to promote a vigorous progressive growth in the various interests of the town, there has at all times existed that fraternal union of sentiment which has kept the town fully abreast with the march of improvements.

Indeed, as a town noted for her agriculture, business relations, temperance, and other reformatory, moral, political, and religious works, and more especially her good schools and the number of teachers sent out, she has stood in the very front rank, not of the towns of New Hampshire only, but of New England.

Coursing through my veins as does the blood of the first Benjamin Hopkins, John Burns, Capt. Nathan Hutchinson, Andrew Burnham, and William Shaw, and those of my family, of William Peabody, two of whom served their country in the Indian wars, two more in the War of the Revolution, and still another in the War of 1812, it affords me great satisfaction to embrace this opportunity to voice the love and respect I bear to them and their associates, the early settlers of this town, for their grand inheritance that has come to me and my fellow-citizens through their rugged courage, industry, and perseverance.

Well might they have felt a just pride when they were clearing away their forests, constructing their log houses, and planting their hills of Indian corn here and there among the stumps of their newly-cleared fields, or pounding their corn into meal, preparatory for food, with stones from their fields, or carrying it some fifteen or twenty miles on horseback through the bridle paths of the unbroken forest to the nearest mill to get it ground. Well might they have felt a just pride, I say, could they have looked forward to the town of to-day, with its improved agriculture, its beautiful homes, manufactures, railroads, schools, churches, free library, water system, electric lights, and, best of all, its intelligent, industrious, happy people.

But, Mr. President, it was assigned to me to speak of the agriculture of the town. What shall I say of it? Agriculture, as a subject, has been talked threadbare times without number, and still it comes up fresh and full of interest every returning season. And why should it not? It was the first calling of man, and through all ages it has continued the first of importance and the underlying industry. It furnishes more than three fourths of the entire exports of the country. So, also, of the freights of our great lake and rail transportation companies. It furnishes the principal factor of the commerce of our great cities, and gives employment to nearly one half of the population of the country. Indeed, upon it depends not only the prosperity of all other industries, but, in fact, their very existence.

But of the agriculture of our forefathers it must be said that it was not only primitive but crude in the extreme. They found themselves in a land of unbroken forest, the clearing and burning of which had first to be done before the arts of the agriculturist could be introduced. The implements with which they had to do were crude, cumbersome, expensive, and to the agriculturist of the present day would be deemed entirely unfit for the purpose they were designed for. Labor was scarce, and seeds were limited in varieties and hard to get. Their crops consisted mainly of Indian corn, rye, barley, oats, flax, and potatoes, also beef, pork, mutton, and poultry, while the beautiful handmaid of agriculture, pomology, was scarcely known.



Little grain beyond the necessities of the home demand was raised, while they depended largely upon their animal industry for their cash receipts. I recollect listening to the tales of one of my grandmothers as she narrated her recollections of the methods and experiences of her great-grandfather, Benjamin Hopkins (or Governor Hopkins, as he was familiarly called), how he employed the friendly Indians in carrying on his great farm, known as the Charlestown School farm, comprising all the present farms lying on the river road between Mr. Matthias F. Crosby's home farm and the covered bridge at Jones's crossing, so called. And how he paid them for their labor largely in rum and tobacco; and how he used to gather his cattle together in the fall of the year and drive such as could be spared to Boston to market. Their conveniences for traveling were crude, being mostly upon horseback. It is within my recollection that the wagon known now as the farm or family wagon, set upon springs, was introduced. So, also, of the mowing machine, reapers, horse-rakes, threshing machines, iron and steel plows, cultivators, seed sowers, and all dairy utensils,—the dash churn, cheese press, and earthen pans alone excepted.

Perhaps there is no period in the history of the town's agriculture of more interest than the years from 1810 to 1850, when the culture of hops so largely prevailed. Most of the above years there was scarcely a farm within the town that did not have from one to five and six acres, and there was one that had twenty odd, while it was my privilege as a boy to ride horse to plow thirteen acres besides the two or three acres of corn and one or more of potatoes. The riding of horse to plow hops when the vines are well up the poles, as they usually were at the last hoeing, was peculiarly interesting as all will testify who have experienced the drawing of a good strong vine across the face, neck, or arm.

The harvesting or picking of the hops was a season of great interest; for the reason that they were picked mostly by young ladies, gathered from the neighboring towns and employed from two to three weeks, varying in numbers from two or three to twenty or thirty, and sometimes more, seldom ever less, than twenty on our farm. The canvassing the neighboring town, hunting up and engaging the girls (hop pickers as we called them), two or three weeks previous to the harvest, then collecting them in big two-horse loads and returning them after the hops were picked, gave us boys at least a very interesting experience. The culture of hops, for the reason of their being mostly used in the brewing of beer, finally, under the influence of the temperance movement, which became strong in the town, gave way gradually to other crops, perhaps I might say to the raising of milk, which has continued to be the leading crop to date.

Next to the above in interest, perhaps, the cultivation of improved varieties of fruits has made as great strides as any other. The



science of grafting, budding, and hybridizing were not practised in the early history of the town. Indeed, it is within my recollection that the first apple grafts were set in my part of the town, at which time I had never known or heard of a sale of a barrel of apples. The cultivation of small fruits was unheard of, and there were but two pear trees in town that I knew of, and perhaps my knowledge was as extended on that subject as that of most boys.

To-day we have fine orchards of luxurious apples upon most every farm, while their reputation has become world-wide, and the markets of the old world our best customers. We have also our pear orchards, vineyards, and fields of small fruits, all contributing freely to the revenues of their enterprising growers, as well as to the health and cheerfulness of all who participate in their consumption.

Not so with the dairy. The cow has always kept pace with the civilization of man, and came to town with our ancestors, but what of her? She was the best known here at the time, but like most of the associations of our forefathers, she was crude, the scrub of to-day. Yet our grandmothers, some of them at least, with their earthen pans and dash churns knew how to make good butter and cheese.

The best of butter usually sold at from eight to twelve cents per pound, and cheese from six to ten cents. I recall a conversation that occurred in our family when grandmother, on an occasion when butter was scarce and high, took the ground that the going price at the time, which was one shilling (16 2-3 cents) per pound, was too high, and she felt that she was wronging her customers to take more than 12 1-2 cents. The average herd of cows of that day did not yield more than from two to two hundred and fifty pounds of butter per cow for the year, while to-day the average is probably over three hundred, and many herds go as high as four hundred pounds.

Eggs, when there was any market for them, usually sold at from eight to twelve cents per dozen; hay from \$10 to \$15 per ton usually, but in times of scarcity I have known it to sell as high as \$40 per ton. Potatoes usually sold at from fifteen to twenty-five cents per bushel, the latter being regarded a very good price.

Most every farmer kept a few sheep in those days, and their good wives had their spinning wheel and loom, and the processes through which the wool went after leaving the sheep's back about election time, or early June, until its return from the fulling mill, in the fall, all ready for the shears of the tailor, or more usually the tailoress, who had been engaged to cut, and perhaps make, the suits of clothes that were to reward us for our toil, were very interesting, for it was the only full cloth we had any knowledge of.

So also of flax, contrary to the present ideas of some gentlemen. It was quite commonly grown, spun, and woven into bedding, under-

wear, table linen, towels, etc., specimens of which are now on exhibition in Eagle hall.

Farm laborers were comparatively scarce, good men getting from \$10 to \$15 per month, while the day laborer got from 62 1-2 cents to \$1 per day, according to the season, with the exception of the time of harvesting the hay crop, which, having all to be cut and gathered by hand, created a great demand for help. Consequently wages were often as high as \$2, and sometimes \$3, per day.

Corn and rye were used a great deal as a medium of exchange with the day laborer, and generally a bushel of either was regarded as a fair standard for a day's work, the hours of which were from sunrise to sunset.

But my allotted time is up, and I must close, but in closing what shall I say of the agriculture of the future, with the improvements constantly being made in farm machinery and implements, with improved horses, sheep, and swine, poultry, with the Holsteins, Ayreshire, Shorthorn, and the queen of the dairy, the little Jersey. With the advanced intelligence of the agriculturist, constantly being enlarged by the diffusion of the results of the scientific researches of the national department of agriculture, and the agricultural colleges and experiment stations, of the states; from the frequent exhibits of the various agricultural, horticultural, pomological, and floral societies, and the almost weekly discussing of these industries carried on by our grange and institute meetings, augmented by the agricultural press.

This prediction I dare make, that grand and creditable as has been the march of progress in the century just closed, it will be greatly excelled during the next, and may my predictions become true, and may we all have a just pride in having contributed our best efforts to so great and grand a result.

DAVID HEALD, ESQ.

*President Wallace* :—I see here an old resident of Milford, who has always taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to her welfare, and who, as one of our leading manufacturers, has and is doing as much as any one to develop the manufacturing interests of the town, David Heald, who will speak in regard to our local interests.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen* :

Once in a hundred years at least, it may be well to remember that law proclaimed so long ago, that "In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread," and that it is also true of the clothes we wear and the house we live in, with all its furnishings of use or ornament.

So we have not only labor on the farm to secure the bread, the meat, the food, we need to make up the growth and supply the waste of the body, but also labor in the mill, the shop, the factory, to transform what is called raw materials into articles of use and

beauty demanded by our civilization. And in this, as in the labor of the farm, field, or forest, there must be *sweat*, and cost, not of money, but of labor. Money is only the yard stick with which we measure the work. And making it longer or shorter by legislation may have little or nothing to do with the amount of physical or mental force to prepare the necessities or luxuries of life. Some think that an unequal share of this toil is apportioned to certain classes of persons. If so, that only shows the fact that this law is not well executed. And that may lead us to consider whether the non-enforcement of law is not a chronic condition of our time. The remedy is being sought, so far at least as the labor question is concerned, by men on the farm, in the mill, the factory, the mine, on our railways, in our cities, by the pulpit and the press, by Coxey's tramps in the East and West, and by senators and representatives in our national Congress, and no doubt some one ere long will invent a regulator which applied to our labor problem will distribute the burdens of life equally among men and women as well.

Milford one hundred years ago had many good acres of soil, splendid forests of timber, hills full of the choicest granite, and yet all this wealth of material was almost valueless to man. Sweat of the face must be due the soil, labor must bring down the giant trees and convert them into houses to live in. The granite, undisturbed in centuries, must be uncovered, broken in pieces and huge blocks, lifted out of their beds, and by patient toil with hammer and chisel transformed until they take the shapes in the mind of the artisan, and the polish of a mirror. This and a thousand more things which I have not time to mention are what Milford manufacturers have been doing for the last hundred years.

The first manufacturing business of importance after the incorporation of the town was the building of the mill for cotton manufacturing, now owned by the Morse & Kaley Mfg. Co., in 1813, being one of the first cotton mills built in this state. Souhegan mill was built in 1847, and burned in 1872. This being our largest industry, it was a serious blow to our prosperity. But some of our smaller concerns have been enlarged and new ones come in, so that for the last few years our town has had a steady, healthy growth.

Our products are cotton goods, hosiery, post-office outfits, leather, morocco, paper boxes, fancy boxes and desks, baskets, cooper work, planes and coopers' tools, carriages, painting, furniture, and last but not least, incubators that will hatch chickens by lamplight, and brooders that will call them in when it rains. These eventful machines, I think, have a capacity of about 200 per day, and my friend Billings will apply an automatic counting attachment that will relieve our poultry men of the necessity of counting their chickens before they are hatched. These new methods leave the hens free to devote themselves exclusively to the production of the raw material.

Our manufacturing establishments are not large, and the proprietors are not men of wealth, as that word signifies to-day; but men who have their own fortunes to make, and sometimes to discount the misfortunes of others, which is always incident to a manufacturing business; practical men who obey the law and put a law amount of *sweat and brain* in their work. Many in my memory of forty-four years have passed away and the ranks are filled by others. These names are known to some of you: Leonard Chase, Daniel Putnam, George Daniels, Robert Knight, Wm. Pratt, Francis J. French, Hiram Daniels, Andrew Fuller, Wm. Gilson, Moses French, W. L. Pierce, John Mills, Timothy Kaley.

These were true men, who had at heart the growth and good of this town. All were captains in our industrial army, not marching to Washington to ask government; but guards at home, furnishing employment to many, encouraging education, and favoring good morals and religion, and so building up a community to which *this government* could look for help, which was true when the dark hour of our country's peril was upon us, and she did not look and ask in vain. They all died in the faith of our free American institutions, and shall they be less honored than they who laid down their lives on more Southern fields?

And now on this one hundredth birthday as we pause in our journey to look back, we say peace to their ashes and honor to the memory of Milford's dead industrial leaders. And resuming our business cares and burdens, and wiping the sweat from our brows, we turn our faces toward the morning of the twentieth century, not knowing if we shall see its rising.

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#### DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.

The spot upon which this fountain stands is located due west of the residence of the late Col. O. W. Lull, and commands a pleasant view from the street and surrounding neighborhood. The fountain and the accompanying adornments are of a most appropriate character, and form an interesting chapter in the memorial efforts of Mrs. Lull, and the sentiments so beautifully expressed are dedicated to the memory of the men of Milford who died representing her in the Rebellion.

The bronze structure is a work of art, about twelve feet in height. It stands upon a granite foundation placed in the centre of a circular basin, some forty feet in circumference. The fountain outlets for water display are numerous, and above and below them are attached electric lights, which more fully develop the sentiment of the undertaking. Around the outer edge of the basin sufficient space has been allowed for the permanent location of tablets from every state in the Union, a number of which are now in position. The present



marked feature of the enterprise are four bronze tablets, as follows: One on north side of fountain, bearing the inscription, "Memorial Fountain, dedicated by Oliver W. Lull Post, G. A. R., on the 100th anniversary of the town, June 26th, 1894;" south side tablet, "Our patriot dead, they still live in words the truest, deeds the noblest, and in love that is eternal;" east side tablet, "In honor of the gallant men from Milford, who pledged or gave their lives for liberty and in defence of the Union;" west tablet, "Liberty. Heroes of the Revolution, 1776-1781, on land and sea. Patriots of 1812. Union." This memorial fountain was formally dedicated on Centennial day, in the presence of a large number of our citizens, by Post O. W. Lull, with appropriate ceremonies.

Oliver W. Lull Post, J. R. Perkins, commander, assembled at G. A. R. headquarters, at 8:30 o'clock, and under escort of the Milford cornet band, J. F. Holland, leader, marched to the residence of Mrs. Mary A. Lull, taking position on the south side of the fountain.

Mrs. Lull, in transferring the memorial to the Post for dedication, spoke as follows:

*Mr. Commander and Comrades*:—Will you raise the flag and dedicate this fountain in honor of all the gallant men from Milford, of whatever nation, race, or color, who pledged or gave their lives for liberty and in defense of the Union?

The flag was then unfurled in the presence of a large number of citizens, and the band played the "Star Spangled Banner." In accepting the memorial for dedication, Commander J. R. Perkins observed the ceremony as laid down in the Grand Army ritual.

*Commander*:—In the name of the comrades of the G. A. R., representing as they do all soldiers and sailors who defended our homes and our nation, I thank you for this privilege and this honor in dedicating this fountain.

*Adjutant*:—Detail a guard of honor.

Officer of Day, you will direct the officers of the guard to their stations.

The guards having been placed on the four sides of the fountain, the commander called,—

*Attention!* In the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, I now dedicate this memorial fountain. I dedicate it to all soldiers, and including those of the War of 1776-1812, and 1848, whose remains lie on the camping ground of the dead, for their record has been handed down to us by history; and, comrades, I especially dedicate this fountain to all soldiers and sailors who fought in the late Rebellion for a free country and free states and for freedom, the constitution and the flag; and as this fountain, sparkling with living waters, shall be a memorial of this Centennial day, and when the hands of another generation shall reach forth to catch its silvery spray, and even when its waters cease to flow and it crumbles to dust, may the memory of this noble woman, Mary A. Lull, to-



gether with the brave soldier, Col. Oliver W. Lull, and members of O. W. Lull Post, and all Milford's war sons, to whom this fountain is dedicated to-day, shall live never to be forgotten. Comrades, salute the dead.

*Commander to Mrs. Lull*:—Our services of dedication are ended. In the name of my comrades, I thank you for your loyalty to all of the defenders of our republic, and for your courtesy in permitting us, who are bound by special ties, to dedicate this fountain in honor of our dead.

Chaplain, pronounce the benediction.

The officer of the day then withdrew the guard.

During the ceremonies the Lyndeborough heavy artillery, headed by the Wilton cornet band, moved into the enclosure, and occupied a position south of the fountain. The exercises, which had taken place in the presence of a large number of citizens and friends, were of a most interesting nature, at the conclusion of which the guards were withdrawn, and the procession, with the addition of the Lyndeborough artillery, was reformed and marched to the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and dismissed.

The exercises and festivities of this memorable day closed with the Centennial concert and ball in the town hall.



# FAMILY REGISTERS.

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Abbreviations,—b., born; m., married; d., died; res., resides, resided, or residing; rem., removed. All places not designated are in N. H. † before a name shows that it is found in another family.

## ABBOT.

Ancestors of Isaac Abbot, from genealogical register of Abbot families compiled by Rev. Abiel Abbot, D. D., and Rev. Ephraim Abbot, 1847.

George Abbot, the venerable ancestor of a numerous progeny, emigrated, as tradition reports, from Yorkshire, Eng., about 1640, was among the first settlers of Andover, Mass., in 1643, and a proprietor; lived and died on the farm now (1847) owned by John Abbot. His house was a garrison, and was used as such many years after his death. Married in 1647, Hannah, daughter of William and Annis Chandler (tradition says they came over on the same vessel). They were industrious, economical, sober, pious, and respected.

With Christian fortitude and submission they endured their trials, privations, and dangers, of which they had a large share.

They brought up a large family well and trained them in the way they should go, from which they did not depart. He died Dec. 24, 1681, O. S., aged 66. She married Rev. Francis Dane, minister of Andover, who died February, 1697, aged 81. She died June 11, 1711, aged 82.

Of their thirteen children, William, their fifth son and sixth child, was born Nov. 18, 1657, and died Oct. 24, 1713. Married June 2, 1682, Elizabeth Gray, who died December, 1712. Twelve children were born to them, of whom Paul, the seventh son and eighth child, was born March 28, 1697, and died May 6, 1752. Married Feb. 8, 1720, Elizabeth Gray, who died July 9, 1765. He moved from Andover, Mass., to Pomfret, Conn., in 1722, where eleven of his twelve children were born. Isaac, the fourth son and seventh child, was born Aug. 29,

1732. Tradition says that he was one of the party that assisted Gen. Israel Putnam in capturing the wolf in his den.

Isaac Abbot, son of Paul and Elizabeth (Gray) Abbot, born in Pomfret, Conn., Aug. 29, 1732. He was a farmer; came to Milford in 1778, from Lancaster, Mass., and settled on the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Frank I. Abbot, where he died in 1800. Married April 29, 1756, Sarah (Mary on headstone of children) Barker, born in Pomfret, Conn., in 1736, and died in Milford, Sept. 17, 1833.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary, b. in Pomfret, Conn., Jan. 20, 1757; m. Dec. 9, 1778, Lemuel Holt of Lyme; res. there, and d. Sept. 8, 1849.
2. Hannah, b. in Pomfret, Conn., Aug. 2, 1758; m. May 24, 1781, Israel Towne, 3d, of Amherst; res. in Stoddard, and d. there March 9, 1847.
3. Chloe, b. in Pomfret, Conn., Aug. 7, 1760; m. 2d time, Dea. Wm. Porter.
4. Sarah, b. in Pomfret, Conn., Oct. 14, 1762; m. 1794, James Brown of Mason, and died there in 1846.
5. Matilda, b. in Pomfret, Conn., Aug. 29, 1764.
6. † Isaac, b. in Pomfret, Conn., July 17, 1766.
7. Esther, b. in Pomfret, Conn., June 28, 1768.
8. Fidelia, b. in Lancaster, Mass., 1770.
9. Olive, b. in Lancaster, Mass., 1773.
10. Deborah, twin, b. in Lancaster, Mass., 1775; d. in Milford, May 22, 1806.
11. Dorothy, twin, b. in Lancaster, Mass., 1775; d. in Milford, Aug. 16, 1802.
12. Stephen, b. in Lancaster, Mass., 1778; d. in Milford, July 9, 1792.

Isaac Abbot, Jr., born 1766, son of Isaac and Mary (Barker) Abbot (another record is Sarah Barker), remained on the homestead. Married Oct. 15, 1793, Ruth, born July 31, 1776, daughter of Caleb and Mary (Harvey) Ames of Wilmington, Mass. He died Sept. 1, 1831. She died July 29, 1844.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary, b. Sept. 26, 1794; m. July 4, 1824, Henry, son of Moses, Jr., and Pattee (French) Nowell of Milford; res. in Portland, Me., and d. there Jan. 7, 1884.
2. Stephen, b. Nov. 23, 1796; m. Dec. 2, 1834, Martha M., dau. of Abiel and Sarah (Frye) Gutterson of Milford. Was a carpenter, and res. in Hillsboro, Ill.; d. there Sept. 30, 1876.

3. Rebecca, b. Jan. 22, 1799; m. John, son of Jacob and Dorcas (Hood) Mooar of Hollis; res. and d. there Nov. 11, 1860.
4. Harvey, b. April 1, 1801; m. Nov. 8, 1831, Almira J. Lancaster; res. on part of the homestead; d. Aug. 26, 1863. No ch.
5. Walter, b. July 16, 1803; m. Aug. 5, 1833, Sarah M. Avery of Vienna, Me. Was a merchant, res. in Boston, Mass., d. there Dec. 20, 1877.
6. Deborah, b. Oct. 15, 1805; m. John, son of Jacob and Dorcas (Hood) Mooar of Hollis; d. in Nashua, July 1, 1872.
7. † Franklin, b. Aug. 20, 1807.
8. William, b. Sept. 7, 1811; unm.; d. in St. Louis, Mo.
9. Robert W., b. Jan. 20, 1814; m. Arzelia, dau. of Eben and Mary (Arzelia) Averill of Alna, Me. Employed on a railroad; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there April 16, 1881.
10. Dorothy, b. Aug. 1, 1816; m. James Knight of Manchester; d. in Milford, March 22, 1843.
11. Harriet, b. Dec. 20, 1819; m. (1) Dec. 15, 1835, William, son of Abiel and Sarah (Frye) Gutterson, (2) Oct. 26, 1845, John, son of Micajah and Sally (Shaw) Morrill of Nashua; d. there Nov. 1, 1873.

Franklin Abbot, born Aug. 20, 1807, son of Isaac, Jr., and Ruth (Ames) Abbot, married (1) May 31, 1831, Indiana, daughter of Nathaniel and Olive (Goddard) Proctor of Hollis, who died May 16, 1879; (2) Dec. 2, 1879, Mary, born in 1835, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Proctor) Patch of Amherst. Was a farmer; held a captain's commission in the state militia. Resided on the homestead until his second marriage, when he removed to Amherst, and died there May 3, 1889.

#### CHILDREN BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Franklin Isaac, b. June 6, 1833.
2. Charles Henry, b. July 27, 1835; m. Dec. 4, 1858, Margaret, dau. of John and Eliza (Lowell) Westcott of Blue Hill, Me. He is a merchant, and res. in Boston, Mass.
3. Adaline Maria, b. Feb. 15, 1838; d. Aug. 22, 1845.

Franklin I. Abbot, born in Milford, June 6, 1833; married Nov. 11, 1862, Susan E., born in Randolph, O., July 27, 1836, daughter of Mark and Mary S. (Crosby) Farley of Elmer, La Peer Co., Mich. He is a farmer, and resides on the farm upon which his great-grandfather settled in 1778.



## CHILDREN.

1. Fred Franklin, b. Aug. 16, 1865; m. Jan. 14, 1891, Olive L. Perry of East Cambridge, Mass. He is a merchant, and res. in Birmingham, Conn.
2. Estelle Farley, b. Aug. 16, 1868; m. June 13, 1889, Charles Sumner, son of Sumner B. and Martha (Bales) Emerson; res. in Milford.

Henry Abbot, born in Andover, Mass., March 5, 1785, died in Amherst, March 26, 1868. Son of Bixby and Hepsabah (Ames) Abbot. Married January, 1811, Rhoda, born May 7, 1789, daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Moore) Bailey of Andover, Mass. She died in Amherst, September 1, 1854. He was a farmer, and came to Milford from Greenfield, in 1818, and removed to Amherst in 1835.

## CHILDREN.

1. Nathan Palmer, b. in Greenfield, Nov. 16, 1811; m. Betsey A. Smith of Derry, 1849; d. in Hampstead, Aug. 1, 1889.
2. Timothy Bixby, b. in Greenfield, Jan. 29, 1814; m. Eliza Brady of Charlestown, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1839.
3. Rhoda, b. in Greenfield, April 9, 1817; res. in Amherst, unm., and d. there March 19, 1895.
4. Asel Bailey, b. in Milford, July 28, 1820; m. Mary B. Cornell of Newport, R. I., Oct. 18, 1843; res. in N. Y.
5. Archer Penn, b. in Milford, Dec. 6, 1822; m. Esther A. Callbreath of Bethel, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1858; res. in N. Y.
6. Sylvia, b. in Milford, Aug. 24, 1826; d. Oct. 11, 1883; unm.
7. Asa Warren, b. in Milford, Sept. 5, 1829; d. Nov. 1, 1829.

Isaac P. Abbot, born March 1, 1826, in Jackson, Me.; died in Milford, Sept. 6, 1889. Was a shoemaker; was a member of the Constitutional convention in 1876, and representative to the general court in 1877 and '78. He was a son of Isaac and Chloe (Bales) Abbot, formerly of Wilton. Married April 5, 1855, Jane L., daughter of Sylvanus and Hannah (Hopkins) Hutchinson of Wilton, who was born Oct. 12, 1831; now living in town.

## CHILDREN.

1. Geo. A., b. in Milford, Aug. 8, 1859; employed in the manufacture of post-offices; res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. June 13, 1888, Estella Geen of Dixon, Ill.
2. Charlie Elmer, b. Sept. 14, 1861; d. Oct. 4, 1862.
3. Carl Allen, b. Aug. 2, 1869; d. Oct. 2, 1869.

## ADAMS.

Jacob Adams, born Dec. 3, 1739; died Sept. 11, 1836; birthplace and parents' names not known. Was a farmer living in the Mile Slip. We find his name among the Wilton soldiers of the Revolution, called a corporal in one place. Married about 1776, Grace Livermore, born in Westboro, Mass., Feb. 17, 1742, died Dec. 18, 1830.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lydia, b. in Milford, Dec. 13, 1777; m. June 14, 1796, Samuel, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson; res. on farm with her father, and d. there Sept. 20, 1865.
2. Nathan, b. Aug. 21, 1783; d. in Milford, March 14, 1864, unm. He was a noted musician.

John Adams, born in Mason; settled early in the century in north part of the town. Married Feb. 27, 1805, Hannah, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Hastings) Leavitt of Amherst; died in Milford, March 16, 1845.

## CHILDREN.

1. † John Prescott, b. in Milford, Nov. 26, 1805.
2. Andrew.
3. Elliot.
4. Noah.
5. Hannah.
6. Judson, b. Oct. 3, 1820; res. in Boston, Mass.
7. Hiram.
8. Rawson; res. in Boston, Mass.

John P. Adams, born in Milford, November 26, 1805; died in Wilton, September 19, 1892. Was a barber; resided in Milford. Married May 14, 1845, Lucy J. Roach, daughter of William H. and Sybil (Jeffers) Roach of Hampstead, born Dec. 1, 1812. She died in Milford, March 22, 1895.

## CHILDREN.

1. Annah E., b. in Milford, Dec. 21, 1848; res. in Concord; unm. A teacher several years.
2. Edward T., b. Sept. 27, 1850; was a merchant; d. in Boston, Mass., April 8, 1889.
3. Phebe C., b. April 16, 1853; d. March 16, 1854.

Chauncey A. Adams, son of Nathan and Mary (Howard) Adams, born in Greenville, Nov. 1, 1842; is a farmer and butcher, coming here from Temple in 1885; resides on road to Wilton. Married May 6, 1870, Annie E., daughter of John S. and Louisa A. (Sargent) Taylor, born in New Ipswich, Oct. 15, 1849.

#### CHILDREN.

1. George Herbert, b. in New Ipswich, March 12, 1871; is employed on electric railroad; res. in Boston, Mass.
2. Ernest Howard, b. in Temple, April 1, 1873; is a farmer; res. in Amherst; m. Sept. 3, 1898, Mary Helen, dau. of Daniel and Anastacia (Powers) Polk of Cambridge, Mass.
3. Addie Louisa, b. in Temple, March 21, 1875; res. in Milford.
4. Clara Idella, b. in Temple, April 2, 1878.
5. Ina May, b. in Milford, May 22, 1887.

Edward T. Adams, son of Elijah and Betsey J. (Jaquith) Adams, born in Groton, Mass., Oct. 3, 1847; is a farmer, and resides on place formerly owned by Peter Colburn, near Hollis line. Came here in 1886 from Hollis. Married May 12, 1874, Josephine M., daughter of Putnam B. and Abbie (Hutchins) Blood, born in Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 29, 1853.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Charles Edward, b. in Nashua, July 7, 1876; is a farmer; m. July 16, 1898, Ida Frances, dau. of Rufus Alonzo and Julia A. (Hayden) Clark. They res. with her father.
2. Edna May, b. in Nashua, Sept. 24, 1878; m. Feb. 24, 1897, Chester C., son of Thomas J. and Nancy G. (Sears) Wilkins of Milford.
3. Lewis Munroe, b. in Hollis, Nov. 26, 1884.
4. Abbie Arthena, b. in Milford, March 29, 1891.

#### AMES.

Ezekiel Ames, born in Tewksbury, Mass., in 1775, came here in 1800, settled upon a farm near Milford Springs; died there Dec. 15, 1856. Married April 7, 1799, Sally Clark, born 1778 in Tewksbury, Mass.; died in Milford, Sept. 12, 1857.

#### CHILDREN.

1. William, b. in Tewksbury, Mass., Dec. 24, 1799; d. in Milford, May 15, 1868. Was a farmer and res. on the homestead; m. Aug. 31, 1832, Eliza, dau. of Joseph and Fanny (Stevens) Knowlton of Milford. No ch.

2. Sally, b. in Milford, March 15, 1802; m. Oct. 28, 1824, Samuel A. Howard of Lyndeborough; d. Dec. 28, 1868.
3. Lucy Curtis, b. July 14, 1804; d. Aug. 24, 1843, unm.
4. Mary Ann, b. Jan. 9, 1808; d. April 9, 1841, unm.
5. Robert Wilkins, b. April 23, 1810; d. Sept. 18, 1888; res. Roxbury, Mass., where he had been engaged in the manufacture of patent leather for many years; m. 1833, Louisa Danforth of Roxbury, Mass.
6. Betsey Adaline, b. Oct. 24, 1812; m. Oct. 2, 1832, Benjamin Clark of Milford; d. in Roxbury, Mass., May 15, 1852.
7. Eliza Haskell, b. Nov. 26, 1818; d. in Milford, May 12, 1840, unm.

Samuel Ames, son of Samuel and Betsey (Lathe) Ames, born in Woburn, Mass., Feb. 15, 1812, was a cooper, came here from Brookline in 1834; died Nov. 28, 1890. Married January, 1832, Marantha, daughter of John and Bridget (Cummings) Daniels of Brookline, born March 1, 1814; died in Amherst, Jan. 25, 1894.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Ann, b. in Milford, January, 1838; m. Jason W. Bills of Townsend, Mass.; res. in Lowell, Mass.
2. George L., b. Nov. 8, 1839; was a farmer, res. in Hollis; d. there Dec. 8, 1897.
3. Sarah M., b. Nov. 6, 1841; m. Dec. 31, 1859, Augustus G., son of John and Mary H. (Holt) Colby of Weare; d. in Milford, Aug. 26, 1867.

Warren Ames, son of Samuel and Betsey (Lathe) Ames, born in Woburn, Mass., July 19, 1815, was a cooper, came here in 1843, and a few years since removed to Hollis. Married Aug. 13, 1844, Sarah E., daughter of Abram and Nancy (Brown) Boutelle of Amherst, born May 19, 1825. He died in Grasmere, Jan. 12, 1899.

## CHILDREN.

1. Warren, b. in Milford, Jan. 4, 1846, is a cooper and res. in Waldoboro, Me.; m. Harriet Morse.
2. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1847; m. Gideon Morsette; res. in Chicago, Ill.
3. Charles, b. May 15, 1850; res. in Lynn, Mass.
4. Fred, b. Dec. 16, 1854; d. May 23, 1856.
5. † George F., b. Sept. 2, 1857.
6. Anna Mabel, b. May 1, 1863; m. May 1, 1879, Harry A. Gray of Milford; res. in Nashua.

George F. Ames, born in Milford, Sept. 2, 1857, son of Warren and Sarah E. (Boutelle) Ames; employed in livery stable. Married Jan. 17, 1876, Etta C., born March 20, 1858, daughter of Milan A. and Laura C. (Bailey) Dodge of Stoddard, born March 20, 1858.

## CHILDREN.

1. Flora Belle, b. in Munsonville, April 15, 1879.
2. Bertha Edith, b. Dec. 3, 1882.
3. Ernest George, b. in Milford, June 7, 1886.
4. Harold Claude, b. March 3, 1894.

## AMSDEN.

Timothy Amsden, born in Mason, Aug. 10, 1818, son of Hollis and Polly (Chambers) Amsden, was a shoemaker, came from Nashua in 1844; died Feb. 8, 1892. Married Dec. 24, 1840, Martha C., born April 15, 1818, daughter of Daniel, Jr., and Betsey (Austin) Hill of Mason.

## CHILDREN.

1. Martha A., b. in Mason, June 1, 1841; d. Sept. 10, 1841.
2. Eugene H., b. in Nashua, Aug. 1, 1842; d. Sept. 5, 1862, in New Orleans, La., in army.
3. Abbie F., b. in Milford, Aug. 24, 1845; res. in Nashua; m. Feb. 5, 1869, Henry, son of Thomas and Harriet (Church) Craig.
4. † John F., b. Nov. 2, 1848.
5. Mary E., b. July 5, 1852; m. Sept. 5, 1872, Thomas I. Brown of Milford; res. in Winchester, Mass.
6. Fred T., b. May 29, 1855; is a printer, res. in Baltimore, Md.; m. June, 1886, Viola Mundoff of Baltimore.

John F. Amsden, born Nov. 2, 1848, son of Timothy and Martha C. (Hill) Amsden, was a railroad conductor, died March 27, 1888, in Tewksbury, Mass. Married Oct. 10, 1867, Mary E., daughter of Charles G. and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Hatch, born in Lyndeborough, Aug. 31, 1850.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Hubert Williams, b. in Milford, March 6, 1869.
2. Lizzie Blanche, b. Dec. 9, 1870; m. Nov. 22, 1894, John A., son of Alonzo S. and Maria (Tuten) Bruce of Mont Vernon.
3. Jessie Helen, b. Nov. 26, 1876.



Hubert W. Amsden, born in Milford, March 6, 1869, son of John F. and Mary E. (Hatch) Amsden, is a clerk in a grocery store, residing in Milford. Married May 7, 1891, Florence G., daughter of Thomas B. and Adaline A. (Crosby) Hall of Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emily, b. in Milford, July 12, 1892.
2. Sybil L., b. in Milford, Oct. 16, 1896.
3. Hubert Hall, b. in Milford, Jan. 10, 1898; d. Jan. 23, 1898.

## ANDERSON.

James W. Anderson, son of Robert and Jane (Wilson) Anderson of Londonderry, born Jan. 11, 1825, is a farmer, residing on the farm formerly owned by Dea. Freeman Crosby. Married Oct. 25, 1849, Rebecca S., born Dec. 7, 1828, daughter of Dea. Freeman and Harriet (Crosby) Crosby of Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Hattie Jane, b. in Milford, Nov. 9, 1850; d. in Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 11, 1865.
2. Freeman Crosby, b. April 13, 1854, is a wood carver, res. in Rockford, Ill.; m. (1) Lizzie Z. Parker of Beloit, Wis., July 14, 1880, dau. of John E. and Harriet Parker, (2) Abbie C. Earles, widow of Alonzo B. Earles of Milford, dau. of John W. and Mary A. (Gray) Nevells, May 31, 1889.
3. Lizzie Rebecca, b. May 7, 1859, in Indianapolis, Ind.; m. Feb. 3, 1881, William R., son of William W. and Mary A. (Crosby) Howard of Milford.
4. Louise Raschig, b. May 17, 1872, in Milford; teacher.

George Anderson, born April, 1848, in Scotland, son of James and Margaret (Davidson) Anderson; married Sept. 27, 1880, Annie, born Aug. 12, 1846, daughter of William and Annie (McIntosh) Gibson. Came here from Quincy, Mass., in 1890, working at his trade of blacksmith in one of the quarries.

## CHILDREN.

1. John William, b. Sept. 11, 1881, in Quincy, Mass.
2. Rachel Gibson, b. Aug. 23, 1883, in Quincy, Mass.
3. Arthur George, b. Sept. 23, 1885, in Hancock.
4. Walter Scott, b. Jan. 17, 1888, in Bennington.
5. Herbert Keith, b. Oct. 4, 1889, in Quincy, Mass.

## ARMSTRONG.

George D. Armstrong, born Aug. 6, 1851, son of John D. and Jane M. (Wells) Armstrong of Amherst, is a farmer and resides on the farm settled upon by William Wallace in 1756, and owned later by David Hutchinson. Married April 29, 1890, Mary Frances, daughter of James G. and Mary J. (Hinds) Haseltine of Amherst, born Nov. 13, 1857.

## CHILDREN.

1. John Davidson, b. in Milford, Nov. 25, 1893.
2. Edna Jean, b. in Milford, June 27, 1897.

## ASHTON.

James R. Ashton, born April 29, 1844, in Bolton, Eng., son of John and Tamar (Robinson) Ashton, served in an Illinois regiment in the War of 1861; counted as of Bennington, N. H. Is a mechanic. Married Nov. 26, 1874, Harriet E., daughter of Alexis R. W. and Hannah (Matthews) Burt of Bennington.

## CHILD.

1. Edith Lilian, b. July 22, 1886, in Milford.

## AUSTIN.

Timothy Austin, place and date of birth not known, came here from Boston, Mass., in 1826; died Oct. 22, 1837. Married 1821 or 1822, Permelia, daughter of Jonathan and Abihail (Childs) Ball of Milford. She died in a few years after her husband.

## CHILDREN.

1. John Briggs, b. in Boston, Mass., April, 1823; d. young.
2. Timothy Dearborn, b. in Boston, Mass., Feb. 3, 1825; res. in Yreka, Cal.; is a miner, unm.
3. Jerome Bonaparte, b. in Milford, May 23, 1827; was a sailor, d. at sea, date unknown.
4. John Freeman, b. Sept. 9, 1829, is a farmer and res. in South Hampton.
5. Permelia Abihail, b. Oct. 12, 1831; m. Jan. 1, 1852, John B. Fretts of Hebron; res. in Milford.
6. Edward L., b. Sept. 2, 1834; d. young.
7. Ilvia Ann, b. Aug. 11, 1836; m. Oct. 19, 1859, Frank B., son of Marvin and Mary (Bingham) Gates of Alstead; res. in Fitchburg, Mass.

## AVERILL.

Ebenezer Averill, born in Topsfield, Mass., came to Milford in 1752, and settled upon the farm now owned by Edward B. Hall, near Mont Vernon line. We have no record of name of wife or date of birth or death.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ruth, b. in Topsfield; nothing else known.
2. †Ebenezer, b. in Topsfield, Dec. 25, 1751.
3. David, b. in Milford; nothing else known.
4. Elijah, b. in Milford; m. May 28, 1782, Mehitable, dau. of Andrew and Hannah (Goffe) Bradford of Milford; res. in Mont Vernon.
5. Moses, b. in Milford; m. July 27, 1786, for his second wife, Mary, dau. of John and Mary Bridges of Wilton.

Ebenezer Averill, Jr., born in Topsfield, Mass., Dec. 25, 1751; died in Milford, July 14, 1837. Came here with his father in 1752, was a farmer, and remained on the homestead during his life. Married Anna Johnson, born April, 1755; died Sept. 15, 1839.

## CHILDREN.

1. James Johnson, b. in Milford, Aug. 6, 1778; d. July 11, 1867; was a farmer, res. in Mont Vernon; m. March, 1807, Lucy W., dau. of Israel and Mary (Wallace) Burnham of Lyndeborough.
2. Elijah, b. 1781; d. in Milford, Feb. 13, 1854; was a dealer in wood and lumber; m. Jan. 5, 1809, Lois, dau. of Eliphalet and Lois (——) Mace of Milford.
3. †Eben, b. Aug. 1, 1783.
4. †Luther, b. March 14, 1786.
5. †Calvin, b. Sept. 18, 1788.
6. Aladon, b. 1791; d. June 20, 1865; was a miller, lived in Milford village; m. Mehitable, dau. of Rev. Ezra and Mary Wilmarth of Milford.
7. Nancy, b. March 24, 1793; m. Nov. 19, 1816, John, son of Andrew and Sarah (Hastings) Leavitt of Amherst: res. in Amherst, and d. there Nov. 22, 1854.
8. Alma, b. Oct. 17, 1796; m. Daniel, Jr., son of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson of Milford, res. here, and d. Aug. 3, 1855.

Eben Averill, 3d, born in Milford, Aug. 1, 1783, son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Anna (Johnson) Averill; died July 12, 1869. A lifelong resident of the town, a farmer living on the farm settled upon by his grandfather and afterward owned by

his father. Married Fanny, daughter of William, Jr., and Hannah (——) Bradford of Amherst. She was born March 20, 1784, and died Feb. 12, 1850.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Granville Clifford, b. in Milford, May 6, 1811.
2. Fanny Bradford, b. May 23, 1815; d. Sept. 3, 1866; m. March 8, 1842, Levi Curtis.
3. Eunice S., b. Feb. 21, 1823; d. May 9, 1853.
4. Nancy, b. Jan. 4, 1827; d. April 10, 1892.

Luther Averill, born in Milford, March 14, 1786, son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Anna (Johnson) Averill, resided on the farm formerly owned by Capt. Andrew Bradford, now owned by J. Fitch Crosby; died there Oct. 10, 1864. Married Nov. 5, 1811, Hannah, daughter of John and Mary (Bradford) Wallace of Milford, born June 25, 1787; died Sept. 10, 1863.

## CHILDREN.

1. Caroline Wallace, b. Oct. 21, 1812; d. March 18, 1864; m. December, 1837, Granville C. Averill.
2. Hannah, b. Nov. 18, 1815; d. in Amherst, April 28, 1893; m. May 15, 1848, James Marvell.
3. James, b. Aug. 23, 1818; was a farmer, res. on homestead until his health failed, when he rem. to New Boston, where he d. Nov. 17, 1880; m. Dec. 8, 1852, Saloma K., dau. of Otis and Saloma (Whipple) Crosby of Amherst. No ch.
4. Calvin, b. April 22, 1826; d. March 24, 1836.

Calvin Averill, born in Milford, Sept. 18, 1788, son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Anna (Johnson) Averill; died April 27, 1874. Was a dealer in wood and lumber. Married Oct. 18, 1814, Eunice, daughter of Oliver and Eunice (Brown) Spalding of Milford, born Sept. 30, 1796; died Oct. 9, 1868.

## CHILD.

1. † Clinton Spalding, b. in Milford, Sept. 22, 1827.

Granville C. Averill, born in Milford, May 6, 1811, son of Ebenezer, 3d, and Fanny (Bradford) Averill. Was a farmer, residing on farm next south of his father's, now owned by Jesse R. Wilkins. Married December, 1837, Caroline W., daughter of Luther and Hannah (Wallace) Averill, born October 21, 1812, died March 18, 1864. After the death of his wife he removed to Hooksett, to live with his son, and died there May 28, 1885.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Caroline, b. July 5, 1839; m. June 18, 1859, Frank W., son of Joseph and Harriet (Wheeler) Mace of Amherst; now residing there.
2. Willis G., b. April 15, 1841; a farmer; res. in Hooksett; m. April 15, 1868, Fannie, dau. of William D. and Clarissa (Richardson) McPherson of Bedford.
3. Anna Frances, b. Dec. 15, 1843; m. July 19, 1865, Elbridge D., son of Samuel and Abigail (Howe) Clark of Wilton. After the death of Mr. Clark she m. Ephraim A. Parkhurst, and res. in Amherst.
4. Woodbury J., b. Oct. 6, 1847; d. Aug. 6, 1859.
5. Clara T., b. April 6, 1852; d. June 12, 1864.
6. Andrew Wallace, b. June 6, 1856; d. Oct. 31, 1863.

Clinton S. Averill, born in Milford, Sept. 22, 1827; died Dec. 18, 1891; son of Calvin and Eunice (Spalding) Averill of Milford. Was a lawyer and banker, also active in educational matters, being superintendent of schools many years. Married March 10, 1852, Catherine F., daughter of Dr. Jonas and Nancy (Wallace) Hutchinson, born in Hancock, Aug. 9, 1831, died April 4, 1878.

## CHILD.

1. Catherine Isabella, b. June 23, 1859; d. Aug. 30, 1859.

Moses Averill, Jr., born in Mont Vernon, January 26, 1785. Was a son of Moses, who was a son of Ebenezer, the first Averill to settle in town. Was a farmer, coming here from New Boston in 1824, and resided on the place now owned by Eli S. Burns, and died there July 14, 1861. Married June 6, 1811, Sally Odell, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 21, 1787, died in Milford, Nov. 30, 1873.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sophronia, b. in Mont Vernon, Nov. 4, 1811; m. Oct. 11, 1832, John B. Wilson of Canaan, and d. there, Oct. 18, 1897.
2. Sarah Lucetta, b. Sept. 16, 1813; m. in 1834, Joseph P. Myrick; res. in Cleveland, Ohio, and died there, March, 1891.
3. Clementine, b. Aug. 9, 1815; res. in Valrico, Fla.
4. Abby Langdell Odell, b. in New Boston, May 5, 1820; m. in 1850, Joel Stone; res. in Cleveland, Ohio.
5. † Calvin Harleigh, b. Dec. 29, 1822.

Calvin H. Averill, born in New Boston, Dec. 29, 1822. Came here in 1824 with his father, Moses Averill; is a watch-



maker. Married September, 1848, Mary B., daughter of Amos and Mary (Burns) Gutterson, born in Milford, March 27, 1831, died April 30, 1865.

## CHILD.

1. Clementine Elexene, b. in Milford, March 19, 1850; m. Herbert O. Lilly; res. in Cleveland, O.

## AVERY.

George A. Avery, born in Temple, Dec. 19, 1852. Came here from Manchester in 1884. Is a son of Nathan and Sarah (Chase) Avery. Was a dealer in house furnishing goods, also tin and sheet-iron worker. Married Sept. 7, 1872, Jennie, daughter of Enoch and Sarah (Currier) Perkins, born in Weare, Jan. 14, 1854.

## CHILD.

1. Charles George, b. in Nashua, Sept. 1, 1873; was with his father in the store; m. Feb. 24, 1897, Lena M., dau. of Jacob K. and Mary A. (Chase) Sargent of Milford.

## BADGER.

James Badger, born in Ireland in 1744; died in Milford, Jan. 28, 1841. Came here from Brookline in 1783, settling on a farm in the Mile Slip, near Mason line. His wife, Martha, born 1742, died May 27, 1812.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN BROOKLINE.

1. Azubah, b. March 10, 1771; m. Dec. 29, 1791, Samuel Farnsworth of Brookline, and d. there, May 13, 1853.
2. Rhoda, b. Sept. 21, 1772; m. Nov. 23, 1796, Philip Farnsworth of Brookline, and d. there, Nov. 24, 1848.
3. Nancy, b. April 11, 1774; d. Aug. 26, 1779.
4. † Leonard, b. Sept. 18, 1775.
5. Betty, b. Oct. 7, 1778. No record.
6. Abigail, b. Oct. 16, 1780; m. Abel Blood of Wilton, May 17, 1798.

Leonard Badger, born in Brookline, Sept. 18, 1775. Remained on homestead with his father. Married June 1, 1806, Sally Barrett of Mason, born February 18, 1788, died July 12, 1870. He removed to Brookline in 1832, and died there Dec. 27, 1837.

## CHILDREN.

1. † James Jefferson, b. April 24, 1807.
2. † Leonard, Jr., b. Aug. 25, 1808.
3. Sally, b. May 7, 1813; d. July 18, 1834.
4. Benjamin, b. July 19, 1820. Went West when a young man and not heard from.

James J. Badger, born April 24, 1807, son of Leonard and Sally (Barrett) Badger. Was a farmer, and lived upon the farm just north of his father's, owned by Caleb Brown. Married April 21, 1831, Lucy A., daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson of Milford, born Aug. 6, 1810, and died Oct. 21, 1896. They moved to the village in 1855, where he died May 14, 1875.

## CHILD.

1. James, b. April 10, 1832; was a farmer, living with his father; m. Feb. 28, 1854, Mildred M., dau. of Amos and Matilda (Gray) Gutterson of Milford. He d. Sept. 8, 1856. After his death the widow m. Herman A. Peabody; res. in Milford. One ch., Hattie M., b. Nov. 20, 1855; m. March 26, 1876, Wm. H. Wilson, and d. Sept. 30, 1886.

Leonard Badger, Jr., born Aug. 25, 1808, died Oct. 7, 1857. Married April 26, 1838, Lephe D., daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson, born April 18, 1819, and died in Franklin, Mass., Jan. 30, 1893. Was a farmer, living on the homestead of his father and grandfather.

## CHILD.

1. Charles, b. Feb. 15, 1840; m. Nov. 1, 1859, Adaline P. Howard; res. in Franklin, Mass.; is agent of a mowing machine company.

## BAILEY.

George A. Bailey, son of Stephen R. and Sarah G. (Bean) Bailey, born in Concord, Aug. 14, 1848. Came here when a young man to work at his trade of stone-cutter. Married Oct. 19, 1874, Alice N., daughter of Nathaniel P. and Rachel F. (Bridges) Conant, born in Charlotte, Me., Oct. 19, 1851.

## CHILDREN.

1. Alice Lillian, b. in Milford, Sept. 23, 1875.
2. George A., b. Oct. 2, 1877; d. Aug. 4, 1878.
3. Ethan L., b. July 17, 1879.
4. Louie Guy, b. Nov. 2, 1884.

## BAKER.

Sidney S. Baker, son of George W. and Anna E. (Sanborn) Baker, born in Ashland, Oct. 8, 1858. Married Aug. 10, 1879, Hattie W., daughter of William H. H. and Loretta S. (Burleigh) Fernal, born in Meredith, Feb. 10, 1861. Came from Meredith in 1888. Was an overseer in hosiery mill; changed to bakery business.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Henry, b. in Meredith, Sept. 30, 1880.
2. Norman Clyde, b. Jan. 27, 1883.
3. Helen May, b. Sept. 2, 1886; d. April 9, 1887.
4. Sidney Fernal, b. in Milford, Sept. 22, 1890.
5. Hattie W., b. March 8, 1893; d. May 3, 1893.

## BALL.

Jonathan Ball, son of John and Sarah (Brooks) Ball, was born in Concord, Mass., Jan. 7, 1755. Came here from Bedford, Mass., in 1800, and died Feb. 18, 1829. He was of the sixth generation in lineal descent from John Ball, who came from Wiltshire, Eng., before 1650. Served several years in the army during the Revolutionary War. Married Sept. 12, 1780, Abihail Childs. She died June 27, 1847.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sarah, b. June, 1781; d. in Milford, Aug. 14, 1853; unm.
2. John, b. July 1, 1783; was a sea captain; d. at sea; burial at New London.
3. Jonathan, b. May 15, 1787; m. July 12, 1833, Rachel H. Osgood, widow of Benj. Osgood, and dau. of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, d. April 24, 1837.
4. † Briggs, b. in Concord, Mass., July 5, 1790.
5. Thomas, born 1794; m. Elizabeth Wyer, dau. of Francis and Elizabeth (Wyer) Hall of Medford, Mass.; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there.
6. Mary, b. Bedford, Mass., July 9, 1799; m. June, 1819, David W., son of Francis and Elizabeth (Wyer) Hall of Medford, Mass.; d. in Milford, Dec. 3, 1865.
7. Permilla, b. 1804; m. Timothy Austin; d. in Milford.

Briggs Ball, son of Jonathan and Abihail (Childs) Ball, born in Concord, Mass., July 5, 1790; died in Milford, May 16, 1868. Married 1812, Hannah, daughter of Josiah Ackerman

of Portsmouth, born there, 1779, died in Milford, Oct. 24, 1860. They resided on the farm with his father, coming here from Boston, Mass., 1816.

## CHILDREN.

1. †Briggs, b. in Boston, Mass, in 1815; d. in Milford, May 7, 1816.
2. Lucy Ann, b. in Milford, July 10, 1818; m. Oct. 10, 1835, George N. Sloan of Amherst; res. there, and d. Feb. 8, 1879.
3. Emily Stanley, b. Aug. 13, 1820; res. in Milford; unm., and d. Jan. 9, 1897.
4. Lydia Perkins, b. Oct. 25, 1822; res. in Milford; unm., and d. Nov. 25, 1894.
5. Sarah H., b. May 8, 1825; m. Oct. 9, 1848, Oliver Blodgett; res. in Nashua, and d. there May 22, 1897.

## BARBER.

Henry H. Barber, son of Hiram and Lucy (Fales) Barber, was born in Canaan, Dec. 16, 1852. Married Nov. 5, 1873, Fostina M., dau. of Alvah and Lydia (Elliot) Dodge, born in Antrim, Nov. 17, 1851. They came here from Nashua in 1878, and he is doing a large business in dry goods.

## CHILD.

1. Ethelyn Fostina, b. in Milford, Aug. 31, 1880.

## BARKER.

Nehemiah Barker, son of Ebenezer, born in Methuen, Mass. Married Mary, daughter of Benj. and Mary Abbot. Came here about 1782. Located upon the place now occupied by M. F. Foster. He died Jan. 28, 1810. She died Aug. 25, 1798. After the death of his first wife he married, March 17, 1799, Elizabeth, widow of David Wallingford and daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hastings) Leeman of Hollis. She was born Feb. 24, 1746.

## CHILDREN.

1. Abigail, born in Methuen, Mass., Jan. 24, 1762; d. July, 1793.
2. † Joel, b. Aug. 11, 1764.
3. Mary, b. Sept. 19, 1766; d. Oct. 23, 1766.
4. Mary, b. Dec. 18, 1767; m. Jan. 6, 1791, Jacob, son of Benjamin and Mary Spalding of Hillsborough; res. there, and d. Sept. 3, 1824.

5. Dorcas, b. Sept. 4, 1770; m. Merrill, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Merrill) Pierce of Hillsborough; res. there, and d. July 23, 1840.

Joel Barker, born in Methuen, Mass., Aug. 11, 1764, son of Nehemiah and Mary (Abbot) Barker. Came to Milford when a young man, with his father, remaining on the homestead during his lifetime. Married Dec. 24, 1793, Sarah, daughter of Edward and Phebe (Pierce) Foster, born in Milford in 1774, died Sept. 5, 1820. After her death he married, second, Nov. 27, 1821, Catherine Lovejoy of Hollis. He died Dec. 5, 1832.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joel, b. Nov. 14, 1794; d. Feb. 10, 1879. Was a cooper and farmer, living in the south part of the town on a farm now owned by John Mitchell. Married May 15, 1829, Sarah W. Whitney of Marlborough. She d. June 23, 1887.
2. Sarah, b. July 9, 1797; m. Nov. 13, 1827, Aaron Hood; res. in Merrimack, and d. there April 11, 1865.
3. Mary, b. March 9, 1800; m. Dec. 25, 1832, Hiram Wheeler of Merrimack; d. in Nashua, March 6, 1860.
4. Benjamin, b. Aug. 8, 1802; m. Alma A. Johnson, widow of Daniel Johnson, Jr., and dau. of Ebenezer and Anna (Johnson) Averill; he owned and operated a sawmill several years; d. Oct. 6, 1843.
5. John, b. Sept. 25, 1805; was a farmer, retaining the old homestead; m. Dec. 22, 1840, Martha, dau. of David and Sally (Crosby) Woolson; d. Aug. 14, 1845.
6. James, b. June 28, 1808; was a cooper; unm.; d. Oct. 7, 1859.
7. Hannah, b. July 15, 1810; m. Dec. 18, 1838, Benjamin, son of Jacob and Mary (Barker) Spalding of Hillsborough; d. in Salisbury, Mass., July 19, 1887.
8. Nancy, b. July 18, 1812; d. Feb., 1835.

Henry A. Barker, born in Hancock, Dec. 10, 1834, son of Sherburne and Hannah R. (Paddleford) Barker. Married July 5, 1868, Abbie J., daughter of Abiel A. and Mary J. (Osgood) Lovejoy, born in Milford, March 5, 1849. Came here from Peterborough in 1877; carried on the business of a livery stable until 1885, when he removed to Concord, where he died Aug. 24, 1887.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Percy Lovejoy, b. in Greenville, Aug. 30, 1870; m. June 18, 1896, Dora Blakeslee of Thomaston, Conn. Is a civil engineer and resides in Winsted, Conn.



2. Amy Maud, b. in Peterborough, May 18, 1873; m. June 15, 1893, William J. Elliot of Milford; res. in Nashua.

Frank A. Barker, born in Temple, Nov. 7, 1861, son of Theodore and Electa C. (Senter) Barker. Married March 6, 1885, Alice F., daughter of Levi H. and Sybil F. (Howard) Holt of Milford. Came here from Wilton in 1887.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edith Alice, b. in Wilton, Oct. 16, 1886.
2. Bernice Theresa, b. in Milford, Oct. 1, 1888.
3. Leon Frank, b. in Milford, March 28, 1891.

## BARNES.

Fred W. Barnes, born in Wilton, Oct. 14, 1858, came from Wilton in 1885; is bookkeeper in post-office manufactory. Married Sept. 1, 1885, Isabel H., daughter of James T. and Isabel S. (Metcalf) Robertson, born in Greenfield, Nov. 7, 1860.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Roscoe Fred, b. Oct. 20, 1887.
2. Ouida Frances, b. May 16, 1889.
3. Helen Leah, b. May 18, 1890.
4. Paul Harvey, b. Feb. 28, 1893.
5. Sherman L. C., b. July 24, 1894.

## BARTLETT.

Isaac Bartlett, born Oct. 8, 1761, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Appleton) Bartlett of Newton, Mass., came here prior to 1790, and resided on farm now owned by William W. Burnham on road to Lyndeborough. Married in 1791, Elizabeth, daughter of Abner and Elizabeth (Phelps) Hutchinson of Milford. She was born July 25, 1765. He was a deacon of the Baptist church in Mason, and died Sept. 30, 1806. His widow survived him nearly forty years, dying Feb. 4, 1846.

## CHILDREN.

1. †Abner Hutchinson, b. in Milford, Oct. 28, 1792.
2. Betsey, b. Oct. 26, 1796; m. Jan. 22, 1816, Abel, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson of Milford; res. here, and d. Aug. 23, 1873.
3. †Jonathan, b. June 9, 1799.

4. Lydia, b. June 15, 1803; m. Nov. 10, 1829, David, son of David and Huldah (Morse) Goodwin of Milford; res. here, and d. Dec. 23, 1844.
5. †John, b. Sept. 2, 1804.
6. Sally, b. Mar. 8, 1807; d. Mar. 30, 1808.

Dea. Abner H. Bartlett, born in Milford, Oct. 28, 1792; married June 7, 1815, Sally, daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Muzzy) Fisher of Francestown, born Jan. 14, 1797. They reside on farm formerly owned by his grandfather, Abner Hutchinson, and in later years by his son, Dea. George F. Bartlett. He was chosen deacon of the Baptist church, Feb. 27, 1843, holding the office until his death July 19, 1852. His widow died Mar. 9, 1871.

## CHILDREN.

1. †Isaac Appleton, b. in Milford, Feb. 7, 1817.
2. Sarah Ann, b. Mar. 11, 1820; m. Nov. 23, 1848, William F., son of William and Lydia (Spalding) Tarbell of Mason; res. in Milford.
3. Caroline, b. Feb. 22, 1823; m. Aug. 26, 1849, Rev. William Hadley, son of David and Betsey (Hadley) Eaton of Goffstown; d. in Nashua, Feb. 25, 1897.
4. †George Franklin, b. Mar. 24, 1826.
5. Julia M., b. Mar. 2, 1828; a teacher for many years; unm.; res. in Milford.

Jonathan Bartlett, born in Milford, June 9, 1799, died Jan. 26, 1857. Married Anna H., daughter Rev. Matthew and Anna (Hibbard) Bolles, born in 1798, died May 31, 1857. He was a merchant, and held the office of postmaster several years.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ann Eliza, b. in Milford, Jan. 13, 1826; m. Sept. 14, 1847, Thomas J. Lane; res. in town, and d. Dec. 9, 1878.
2. Jonathan, b. Dec. 29, 1830; d. Jan. 6, 1831.
3. Matthew Bolles, b. in Milford; rem. to Hartford, Conn.; m. Mary E., dau. of William and Mary Tate, and d. there.

John Bartlett, born in Milford, Sept. 2, 1804, died there Sept. 25, 1859; was a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married Jan. 5, 1830, Myra, daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Muzzy) Fisher of Francestown, born May 26, 1804, died there Sept. 14, 1885.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frances Cornelia, b. in Milford, June 15, 1831; m. Nov. 12, 1850, William P., son of Azel and Lydia (Peabody) Burnham of Mont Vernon; res. on the homestead with her son.
2. John M., b. Mar. 22, 1837; is a farmer, and res. unm. in Milford.
3. Lucy Ann, b. May 17, 1840; m. Oct. 18, 1876, Moses P. Burnham.

Isaac A. Bartlett, born in Milford, Feb. 7, 1817, died there Dec. 22, 1844; was a farmer, residing where Charles Webster now lives. Married January, 1843, Sarah Rhoda, daughter of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born Mar. 14, 1819. After the death of Mr. Bartlett, the widow married Matthew Gray, and resided at same place, dying there Sept. 18, 1881.

## CHILD.

1. Marrietta Caroline, b. March, 1844; m. June 20, 1866, Henry, son of James and Elizabeth Loveridge of Orange, N. J., and res. there.

Dea. George F. Bartlett, born in Milford, Mar. 24, 1826, died Dec. 4, 1897; was a farmer residing on the homestead. Served as selectman six years; representative to general court, 1860-'61; justice of the peace thirty years; chosen deacon of the Baptist church, Feb. 5, 1853; holding the office the remainder of his lifetime. Married Dec. 19, 1848, Caroline, daughter of Rev. Henry and Caroline Tonkin, born in Plymouth, Eng., March 7, 1824, died in Milford, Dec. 8, 1890.

## CHILDREN.

1. †Herbert Leon, b. in Milford, Sept. 29, 1850.
2. Lucius George, b. Mar. 22, 1853; is a salesman, res. in Boston, Mass.; m. Oct. 6, 1883, Annie Alford of Windsor, Conn.
3. Alice Violet, b. Nov. 2, 1854; m. Sept. 9, 1879, Herbert M., son of James and Augusta P. (Shattuck) Lewis of Milford; d. in Boston, Mass., Feb. 25, 1885.
4. Harry Ernest, b. Aug. 17, 1858; d. Jan. 25, 1870.
5. Ralph Carroll, b. Nov. 26, 1863; is a farmer, res. on Federal Hill; m. Jan. 6, 1897, Fanny D., dau. of Moses F. and Addie L. (Doane) Foster.

Herbert L. Bartlett, born in Milford, Sept. 29, 1850, is a grocer, residing in Milford. Married Dec. 25, 1876, Susie N., daughter of Ephraim B. and Mary C. Dodge of New Boston, born June 4, 1856.

## CHILD.

1. Barbara Dodge, b. in Milford, Oct. 21, 1890.

Isaac Bartlett, born in Hope, Me., in 1798, died in Omaha, 1868; son of Samuel. Married June 19, 1830, Clara, daughter of Lemuel and Sarah (Russ) Coburn, born in Fairlee, Vt., June 30, 1806; resides in Milford; came here from New Boston, 1856.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Pillsbury, b. Lowell, Mass., June, 1831; d. 1832.
2. Ermina Gushy, b. Lowell, August, 1833; res. unm. in Milford.
3. Amanda, b. Thetford, Vt., May, 1835; d. there 1838.
4. Charles Coburn, b. Lowell, Mar. 23, 1837; a farmer, res. unm. in Milford.
5. Sarah Amanda, b. Thetford, Apr. 8, 1839; d. in Milford, Feb. 24, 1863.
6. Eliza Clement, b. in Thetford, May 29, 1841; res. Tisbury, Mass.; m. Jan. 25, 1877, Nathan, son of William and Phebe Mayhew.
7. Mary Janette, b. in Thetford, February, 1843; d. in New Boston, 1849.

Gustavus Bartlett, born in Bristol, Oct. 22, 1810, died in Milford, Dec. 11, 1893; was the son of Ichabod C. and Anna (Sleeper) Bartlett; was a merchant; came here from Lowell, Mass., in 1867, and bought the farm on the Wilton road now owned by N. E. Holt. Married (1) Nov. 25, 1834, Clarinda J., daughter of Nicholas M. and Sally (Eastman) Taylor of New Hampton, born Mar. 9, 1815, d. in Bristol, Nov. 1, 1837. Married (2) Nov. 24, 1839, Martha, sister of his first wife, born June 17, 1820, died Oct. 23, 1856. Married (3) Dec. 3, 1861, Susan A. N. Jones, widow of Henry D. Jones and daughter of Joseph and Phila H. (Millen) Nichols, born in Alexandria, July 5, 1832; resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary L., b. in Bristol, Aug. 10, 1837; d. Aug. 12, 1837.
2. Ichabod Colby, b. in Bristol, Sept. 10, 1841; m. Oct. 18, 1862, Ellen A., dau. of M. C. and Sarah (Brown) Sawyer of Bristol; is an insurance agent, res. in Malden, Mass.
3. Mary Clarinda, b. May 1, 1843; d. July 24, 1844.
4. Sarah Eastman, b. Feb. 4, 1845; m. Nov. 24, 1869, Charles M., son of Moses and Elizabeth (Conant) Proctor of Milford; res. in Wilton.
5. Clara Anstris, b. Apr. 5, 1847; d. June 20, 1848.

6. Anna Minot, b. Aug. 7, 1849; m. July 6, 1881, John S., son of Charles E. and Louisa A. (Chessman) Conner of Bristol; res. there, and d. June 6, 1893.
7. Charles Henry, b. in Bristol, Nov. 3, 1862; is a civil engineer, res. in Boston, Mass.; m. Dec. 17, 1890, Gertrude, dau. of Joseph C. and Frances Carr (Morrill) Jones of Claremont.

Persons Bartlett, son of Zenas and Betsey R. (Piper) Bartlett, born in Morgan, Vt., Aug. 13, 1832, was a manufacturer of hosiery, coming here from Laconia in 1886. Married (1) Ann, daughter of George and Clara (Pitcher) Capen of Stoughton, Mass., born Aug. 15, 1836, and died in Milford, July 12, 1890; (2) Oct. 1, 1891, Abbie R., daughter of Newton and Helen M. (Richardson) Lowe of Amherst, born Aug. 23, 1862. They removed to Bridgewater, Mass., in April, 1899, where he died the sixth day of June following.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lucy Jane, b. in Stoughton, Mass., June 17, 1856; m. Jan. 1, 1885, Arthur E., son of Jeremiah S. and Lucy H. (Vincent) Goodwin, and res. in New York city.
2. † Fred Bertram, b. in Stoughton, Mass., Nov. 15, 1860.
3. Annie, b. in Stoughton, Mass., Nov. 20, 1862; m. Dec. 11, 1886, Jarvis S., son of Simon and Joanna (Swett) Stowell of Lakeport. They res. in Milford.
4. Bertha, b. in Milford, Oct. 21, 1895.

Fred B. Bartlett, son of Persons and Ann (Capen) Bartlett, born in Stoughton, Mass., Nov. 15, 1860, is a hotel landlord in Milford. Married Aug. 20, 1885, Ada Mabel, daughter of George and Sarah (Colby) Clark, born in Lowell, Mass., April, 1870.

## CHILD.

1. Claude Bertram, b. in Milford, Dec. 5, 1887.

## BATCHELDER.

Eben C. Batchelder, son of Levi and Mary (Peabody) Batchelder, born in New Boston, July 18, 1818; died in Milford, Oct. 26, 1896; was a dry goods merchant, came here from Tilton in 1853. Married Sept. 27, 1849, Abby, daughter of Zepheniah and Mary (Wheeler) Kittredge, born in Mont Vernon, April 3, 1827.



## CHILDREN.

1. Cora Helen, b. in Tilton, May 24, 1853; d. in Milford, Oct. 8, 1862.
2. Ada, b. in Milford, March 8, 1855; d. Sept. 26, 1855.
3. A. Isabella, b. Sept. 25, 1857; m. Oct. 15, 1879, John H., son of John N. and Mary A. (French) Barr of Nashua.
4. Willie, b. Feb. 24, 1861; d. Dec. 12, 1861.
5. Charles Carroll, b. Sept. 15, 1862; d. Dec. 13, 1867.
6. Edward Carl, b. May 21, 1873; d. in Mont Vernon, the result of an accident, June 13, 1880.

## BEALS.

John Beals, son of Elijah and Hannah (Banks) Beals, born in Larance, Annapolis Co., N. S., Oct. 20, 1828, came here from Temple in 1891; lives on the farm formerly owned by Joseph Colburn, Jr., in the south part of the town. Married (1) Feb. 17, 1851, Lucy, daughter of Stephen and Nancy (Henshaw) Bent, born in Clemencesport, N. S., Nov. 12, 1832, and died Feb. 22, 1873; (2) Sept. 14, 1873, Rebecca P. Cassaboom, widow of David Cassaboom and daughter of James R. and Eliza R. (Gillet) Purdy, born in Bear River, N. S., Sept. 14, 1837.

## CHILDREN.

1. George F., b. in Larance, N. S., Dec. 9, 1851, is a farmer, res. in Kings Co., N. S.
2. Elijah, b. in Clemencesport, N. S., Oct. 17, 1853, is a marketman, res. in Boston, Mass.
3. Cornelia O., b. Nov. 5, 1855, res. in Nova Scotia.
4. Josephine, b. Dec. 30, 1857, res. in Nova Scotia.
5. † John Cooper, b. Aug. 2, 1859.
6. Zepheniah Porter, b. Oct. 31, 1861, is a clergyman, been five years a missionary in China.
7. William Henry, b. Aug. 23, 1864, is a carpenter, res. in Goffstown.
8. Edward Bent, b. Jan. 26, 1870, is a printer, res. in Boston, Mass.
9. Carrie A., b. in Clemencesport, N. S., Aug. 1, 1874; d. in Milford, March 26, 1894.
10. Charles H., b. in Bear River, N. S., June 3, 1877, res. with his father.
11. Alpheus C., b. March 29, 1879, res. with his father.
12. David H., b. April 12, 1881, is a grocer's clerk in Boston, Mass.

John C. Beals, born in Clemencesport, N. S., Aug. 2, 1859, son of John and Lucy (Bent) Beals, came here from Wilton

in 1894 ; is a carpenter, and resides near Milford Springs. Married Feb. 1, 1883, Martha, daughter of Charles and Eleanor (Hamilton) Dean, born in Nova Scotia, Aug. 1, 1860 ; died in Milford, April 24, 1895.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank, b. in Sherburne, Mass., Feb. 11, 1884.
2. Jennie May, b. in Wilton, June 11, 1890.
3. Blanche, b. in Wilton, Dec. 24, 1892.
4. Mabel, b. in Milford, Feb. 23, 1895.

## BEDELL.

Benjamin W. Bedell, son of Henry and Mary (Welch) Bedell, born in South Berwick, Me., Sept. 6, 1842, came here from South Berwick in 1863 ; is a machinist. Married Aug. 6, 1863, Anna E., born in Milford, Nov. 20, 1844, daughter of William and Harriet (Hopkins) Jones.

## CHILD.

1. Hattie, b. in South Berwick, Me., Nov. 1, 1865, res. in Milford, unm.

## BENNETT.

Rodolphus D. Bennett, son of Thomas and Nancy (Shattuck) Bennett, born in Brookline, Feb. 3, 1817 ; died in Milford, Feb. 19, 1885. Was a farmer, coming here from Brookline in 1849 ; resided on the farm now owned by Henry J. Wilson. Married May 14, 1840, Mary, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Melendy) Woodward, born in Merrimack, Feb. 9, 1820 ; died in Manchester, Feb. 27, 1887.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Albert Rodolphus, b. in Merrimack, Sept. 27, 1842.
2. † William Alphonso, b. in Merrimack, Dec. 9, 1845.
3. Alfred Allen, b. in Brookline, Nov. 30, 1848, is a teacher, res. in Ames, Ia; m. July 1, 1878, Permelia E. Chapin of Ann Arbor, Mich.
4. Mary Emily, b. in Milford, Sept. 20, 1851 ; m. Sept. 8, 1874, John F. Gillis of Hudson ; res. in Manchester.
5. Anna Frances, b. Oct. 24, 1853 ; m. Jan. 23, 1879, Louis P. Cumnock of Lowell, Mass. ; res. in Lynn, Mass, and d. there July 24, 1880.
6. Clara Louise, b. Dec. 5, 1859 ; m. Oct. 20, 1885, Frank L. Downs, and res. in Manchester.

Albert R. Bennett, born in Merrimack, Sept. 27, 1842, came to Milford with his father, R. D. Bennett, in 1849. Was a cooper; died Jan. 8, 1872, the result of an accident. Married November, 1866, Carrie, daughter of Hiram and Fanny (Peabody) Fairfield, born in Stoddard, March 2, 1848.

## CHILD.

1. William Albert, b. in Milford, Aug. 18, 1869; m., and res. in Manchester.

William A. Bennett, born in Merrimack, Dec. 9, 1845, came here with his father, R. D. Bennett, in 1849. Married Dec. 25, 1876, Sarah M., daughter of Hiram and Permelia (Kittridge) Hardy, born in Hollis, June 17, 1843.

## CHILD.

1. Herbert Allen, b. in Merrimack, Oct. 6, 1878.

## BERRY.

Smith Berry, born in Pittsfield, March 27, 1862, son of Isaiah and Carrie (Danielson) Berry. Came here from Merrimack in 1890. Owns and operates a sawmill in the village. Married Sept. 7, 1887, Kate, daughter of David and Jane (McAllister) Stevens, born in Salem, Oct. 14, 1868.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank Smith, b. in Amherst, April 26, 1888.
2. Mabel Eliza, b. in Merrimack, July 28, 1889.
3. Gertrude Lillian, b. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1891.
4. Marion Louise, b. in Milford, Nov. 16, 1893.
5. Ruth Hazel, b. in Milford, March 14, 1895.
6. Clifton H., b. in Milford, April 29, 1896.
7. Mildred Helen, b. in Milford, June 1, 1897; d. Oct. 17, 1897.

## BILLINGS.

Louis C. Billings, born in Canton, Mass., Feb. 9, 1835, son of Jarvis and Sarah (Spalding) Billings. Came here from Canton, Mass., in 1859; employed in the manufacture of cotton yarn. Married (1) Oct. 6, 1861, Emmeline B., daughter of Timothy and Sarah W. (Upham) Kaley, born in Canton, Mass., July 16, 1839, died in Milford, Feb. 6, 1874; (2) June 29, 1875, Sarah E., daughter of Albert W. and Caroline A. (Wright) Foss, born in Lowell, Mass., June 15, 1854.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Calista, b. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1863; d. Dec. 11, 1867.
2. George Lewis, b. in Milford, Jan. 7, 1865, was an architect; d. in Milford, Feb. 21, 1888.
3. Herbert Chesbro, b. Jan. 25, 1871; d. May 29, 1871.
4. Ethel Louise, b. in Milford, June 7, 1877; m. Oct. 21, 1896. James Thorne Young, son of Wm. H. and Martha J. (Stanhope) Young of Troy, N. Y. They res. in Milford; he is in the granite business.
5. Walter Elmer, b. Nov. 9, 1879.
6. Warren Chesbro, b. May 6, 1885.

## BILLS.

Jason W. Bills, son of Abner H. and Betsey (Cummings) Bills, born in Townsend, Mass., Dec. 22, 1836. Came here in 1854, is a farmer, residing on the place formerly owned by Thomas Taylor, in the easterly part of the town. Married (1) in 1856, Mary Ann, daughter of Samuel and Samantha (Daniels) Ames, born in Milford, January, 1838; (2) Mary E., daughter of Zalmon and Grace R. (Holmes) Smith, born in Nashua, Nov. 30, 1839, died in Milford, July 27, 1871; (3) Nov. 26, 1880, Caroline, widow of Hubbard Newton, a sister of second wife, born in Peterborough, Sept. 20, 1830.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ida Francella, b. in Milford; m. a Mr. Hussey, and res. in Malden, Mass.
2. Edward LaForest, b. June, 1860, is a machinist, res. in Lowell, Mass., unm.
3. † William Jason, b. in Hollis, March 31, 1862.

William J. Bills, born in Hollis, March 31, 1862. Is a teamster, residing with his father, Jason W. Bills. Married (1) May 3, 1885, Eleanora I., daughter of Edward H. and Lizzie A. (Gassett) Shattuck, born in New Ipswich, Dec. 9, 1861, died in Milford, June 6, 1886; (2) Sept. 13, 1891, Lilla E., daughter of Jackson and Fanny (Weir) Boutelle, born in Antrim, Aug. 18, 1861.

## CHILD.

1. Leon Gassett, b. in Milford, April 1, 1886.

## BISHOP.

John B. Bishop, born in Canada, Oct. 24, 1823. Came here from Quebec in 1870. Was a laborer. Married June 15, 1851, Adalaide Michaud of Canada, born Jan. 1, 1827, died in Milford, Nov. 3, 1892. He died Oct. 23, 1898.

## CHILDREN.

1. Louise, b. in Canada, May 1, 1853; m. Alfred D. Young; res. in Wilton.
2. † John B., Jr., b. Jan. 11, 1857.
3. Thomas H., b. Sept. 25, 1861, is a stone-cutter, res. in Milford; m. June 4, 1890, Mary, dau. of Alfred and Mary (Buskey) Duval.
4. Georgiana, b. Jan. 24, 1864; m. Nov. 7, 1883, Peter H. Balcom; res. in Wilton.
5. Leda Mary, b. April 1, 1867, res. at home, unm.

John B. Bishop, Jr., born in Canada, Jan. 11, 1857. Is a stone-cutter, residing in Milford. Married Dec. 25, 1880, Stephanie, daughter of Remi and Elmiere (Levigny) Belanger, born in Canada, Aug. 21, 1856. They came here from Quebec in 1870.

## CHILD.

1. Eugenie Mary, b. in Milford, Oct. 14, 1881.

## BLAKE.

Ephraim B. Blake, born in Thornton, March 25, 1814, son of Nathan and Mary C. (Colby) Blake. Was a farmer, coming here in 1866 from Londonderry, residing on place now owned by Phineas G. Fisher. Died in Milford, April 24, 1897. Married Oct. 1, 1838, Eliza Harding, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza W. (Harding) Chamberlain of Turner, Me., born Aug. 10, 1818, died in Milford, Dec. 12, 1890. No children.

## BLANCHARD.

Stephen Blanchard, son of Stephen and Deborah (Phelps) Blanchard, born in Andover, Mass., Aug. 20, 1726. Came here in 1776 and settled in that part of the town called the Mile Slip. Married (1) May 19, 1748, Hannah Abbot, born in Andover, Mass., Oct. 21, 1728, and died in Andover, Mass.,



Oct. 27, 1775; (2) Elizabeth P. Lancy, widow of George Lancy of Wilton, and daughter of Mr. Potter, born April 17, 1743, and died in Milford, Oct. 5, 1802.

CHILDREN OF FIRST WIFE, BORN IN ANDOVER, MASS.

1. † Stephen, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1749.
2. Phineas, b. July 2, 1750; d. unm., Oct. 18, 1775.
3. Hannah, b. July 31, 1752.
4. Sarah, b. Feb. 27, 1755.
5. † Jacob, b. June 22, 1758.
6. Mary, b. Aug. 9, 1760; m. Sept. 18, 1777, Uzziel Batchelder of Andover, Mass., and d. in Chester, Vt.
7. Phebe, b. Dec. 15, 1762; m. July 18, 1786, Jeremiah Burnham of Wilton, and d. Aug. 20, 1838.
8. John, b. Feb. 16, 1767; was a farmer; m. Sybil Crawford of Andover, Vt., and d. there.

CHILDREN OF SECOND WIFE, BORN IN MILFORD.

9. † Phineas, b. Dec. 24, 1777.
10. Cyrus, b. Oct. 9, 1780; res. in Peterborough, where he d. March 31, 1851; his business was farming; m. in 1807, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Mary Blanchard of Billerica, Mass., b. 1780, and d. in Peterborough, Aug. 4, 1872.
11. Joel, b. March 25, 1782, was a farmer, res. in Milford; m. Abigail Simonds of Wilton; he d. in Goffstown, April 6, 1863.
12. † James, b. Oct. 8, 1786.

Stephen Blanchard, Jr., born in Andover, Mass., Jan. 15, 1749. Came here with the family, or possibly earlier. Married Lucy — of Wilton. He died here in 1790.

CHILDREN.

1. Lucy, b. in Milford, June 20, 1774.
2. Mehitabel, b. in Milford, Oct. 3, 1778.
3. Enos, b. July 1, 1780.
4. Hannah, twin, b. Aug. 18, 1782.
5. Fanny, twin, b. Aug. 18, 1782.
6. Stephen, b. Aug. 24, 1784.
7. Persis, b. April 21, 1786; m. Nov. 16, 1809, James Adams of New Boston.

Jacob Blanchard, born in Andover, Mass., June 22, 1758. Married Elizabeth —.

CHILDREN.

1. Jacob, Jr., b. June 10, 1785.
2. Dotha, b. Dec. 22, 1786.

This is all we know of this family. Probably removed to some other place, as we do not find his name in the list of taxpayers in 1794.

Phineas Blanchard, born in Milford, Dec. 24, 1777, son of Stephen and Elizabeth P. (Lancey) Blanchard, was a farmer, residing in the west part of the town; died Jan. 6, 1822. Married Apr. 18, 1799, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Pierce) Stevens, born in Wilton, June 10, 1776; died in Temple, Sept. 8, 1850.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Sally, b. in Milford, Sept. 4, 1799; m. Aug. 27, 1820, Samuel, son of Joseph and Eleanor (Woodbury) Hood; res. in Milford; d. in Mason, Aug. 30, 1849.
2. Betsey, b. July 9, 1801; m. Alfred Frye of Wilton, and d. there Feb. 11, 1863.
3. Hannah, b. Sept. 16, 1804; m. Mar. 7, 1826, William Jewett, Jr., of Temple, and d. there Feb. 23, 1895.
4. Sumner, b. May 5, 1806; was a farmer, res. in Temple; m. May 5, 1836, Eliza Adams of Mason. He d. in Wilton, Oct. 9, 1880.
5. Amanda, b. May 12, 1809; m. Nov. 18, 1830, Elias, son of Nathan and Betsey (Powers) Colburn of Temple, and d. there June 11, 1869.
6. Lydia, b. June 15, 1811; m. Nov. 24, 1831, Joel Jewett of Temple; res. in Milford; d. July 21, 1884.
7. †Stephen, b. Mar. 21, 1813.
8. Esther, b. May 5, 1816; m. December, 1839, Dane, son of Ezra and Dorcas (Dane) Holt; res. in Wilton. After the death of Mr. Holt, she m. a Mr. Phelps, and d. in Milford, Feb. 21, 1893.
9. Mary Patten, b. Mar. 27, 1819; m. Apr. 23, 1846, Newton, son of Isaac and Ruth (Jewett) Wilson of Merrimack; res. there.

James Blanchard, born Oct. 8, 1786, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Potter) Blanchard, was a farmer, residing in Milford all his life; was a strong advocate of temperance, also noted for his poetical talents. Married Sept. 11, 1815, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah (Eames) Blunt of Amherst. He died Sept. 7, 1854. She died Feb. 5, 1873.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Rebecca Kendall, b. Sept. 27, 1816, and d. in Milford, Sept. 19, 1828.
2. Elizabeth Patten, b. May 5, 1818; m. Nov. 8, 1836, David D. McKean, Jr., of Amherst, and d. there April 13, 1865.

3. Edwin, b. in Amherst, May 21, 1820; d. in Milford, Jan. 27, 1841.
4. Jasper, b. in Milford, March 26, 1822; d. April 5, 1822.
5. Harriet E., b. in Amherst, May 19, 1823; m. Sept. 15, 1859, Leonard M. Jewett of Milford; res. there, and d. Sept. 16, 1899.

Stephen Blanchard, son of Phineas and Sarah (Stevens) Blanchard, born in Milford, Mar. 21, 1813, resided in Milford; was a nailmaker; died in Merrimack, Dec. 23, 1886. Married May 26, 1844, Clarissa, daughter of Eri and Lucretia (Woods) Kittridge, born in Merrimack, Oct. 22, 1818.

## CHILD.

1. Emma, b. in Milford, Feb. 4, 1846; d. unm. in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 23, 1880.

Simon Blanchard, born Dec. 23, 1749 in Billerica, Mass., son of Simon and Rebecca (Sheldon) Blanchard, came here in 1776 and settled upon the farm lying near to Wilton, now partly occupied by the Hillsborough Mills, and died there Oct. 2, 1831. Married Dec. 23, 1774, Catherine, daughter of Increase Wyman, born in Billerica, Mass., in 1757; died in Milford, July 31, 1841.

## CHILDREN.

1. Dennis, b. in Billerica, Mass., June 4, 1775; m. Abigail —; rem. to Albany, N. Y. and d. there.
2. Abijah, b. in Milford, June 22, 1779; was a clergyman, res. in Oswego, N. Y.
3. Amaziah, b. Nov. 27, 1781; m. Polly —; res. in Lyndeborough.
4. Clarissa, b. May 12, 1784; m. Sept. 22, 1803, Philip Eaton; res. Chelsea, Mass.
5. †Luther, b. Jan. 1, 1787.
6. Betsey, b. May 29, 1789; m. Feb. 14, 1811, James B. Hill; res. in Manchester.
7. Calvin, b. June 22, 1791; res. New York.
8. Catherine, a twin, b. Sept. 26, 1793; m. Sept. 7, 1819, Luther, son of Amos and Mary (Ballard) Holt of Wilton; res. in Milford; d. there July 6, 1871.
9. Nancy, a twin, b. Sept. 26, 1793; m. Mar. 4, 1823, Winslow Hill of New Boston; and m. (2) Peter Jones; res. in New Boston and d. there.
10. Lydia, b. Feb. 27, 1797; m. a Mr. Barrett, and res. in Mason.
11. Rebecca Abbot, b. July 2, 1801; m. Orville, son of Amos and Mary (Ballard) Holt of Wilton; res. in Nashua, and d. there August, 1875.

Luther Blanchard, born in Milford, Jan. 1, 1787, son of Simon and Catherine (Wyman) Blanchard, was a farmer, residing on the homestead; died there April 23, 1853. Married Feb. 20, 1812, Mary Kinson, born in Mont Vernon; died in Milford, Feb. 19, 1853.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ebenezer Kinson, b. Feb. 27, 1813; was a farmer; res. and d. in the town; m. (1) Jane Melendy; (2) Elizabeth A. Worcester.
2. Luther, b. Mar. 18, 1815; d. young.
3. Mary Adaline, b. June 5, 1817; m. Sept. 3, 1839, Elbridge G. Woodman, b. in Laconia, May 12, 1814; res. in Wilton.
4. Luther, b. Mar. 8, 1819; m. a Miss McIntire; res. in Fitchburg, Mass.
5. Olive, b. Jan. 24, 1821; m. Nov. 26, 1846, Samuel B. Bales of Wilton; res. in Chelmsford, Mass.
6. George, b. Oct. 22, 1823; m. Mar. 15, 1852, Mary A. Wright of Nashua; res. in Wilton.
7. Charles, b. Oct. 8, 1825; m. Oct. 4, 1852, Mary Frost of Hubbardston, Mass.; res. in Wilton, and d. there Sept. 20, 1863.
8. †John, b. July 13, 1828.
9. Joseph.

John Blanchard, born in Lyndeborough, July 13, 1828, married April 4, 1852, Harriet K., daughter of Joseph and Polly (Puffer) Glines, born in Concord, Jan. 9, 1832. They settled in Milford, remaining a few years, then removed to Wilton, residing there until 1879, when he purchased the farm formerly owned by Capt. Joshua Mooar in the western part of the town, where he now resides.

CHILDREN.

1. Emma Isabel, b. Milford, Feb. 20, 1854; m. Jan. 1, 1872, William S. Farmer of Canterbury; res. in Wilton.
2. Addie Maria, b. in Milford, April 10, 1856; m. Dec. 1, 1877, Newell Heath of Lowell, Mass.; res. in Lyndeborough.
3. Hattie Elizabeth, b. in Wilton, Sept. 24, 1858; m. July 3, 1878, Minot Witham of Lynn, Mass., and res. there.
4. Fred Douglass, b. in Wilton, March 3, 1860; m. April 24, 1880, Lizzie Darling of Wilton; is an engineer, residing in Milford.
5. Nellie Frances, b. in Wilton, June 1, 1862; m. Feb. 19, 1883, Arthur J. Grant of Lyndeborough, and res. there.
6. Nettie Florence, b. in Wilton, Sept. 17, 1864; m. Oct. 22, 1880, Edward M. Pond of Milford, and res. there.

7. Cora Anabelle, b. in Wilton, March 15, 1868; m. Sept. 25, 1887, Perley Burnham of Greenfield; res. in Nashua.
8. Etta Lucy, b. in Wilton, March 17, 1871; m. Aug. 11, 1896, Edward Finn of Nashua, and res. there.
9. Willie Arthur, b. in Wilton, Oct. 5, 1876; is a farmer, res. with his father.

Augustus Blanchard, born in Dunstable, July 29, 1746, was a farmer, coming here from Merrimack in 1778; res. on the place now owned by Mr. Rock, afterwards moving to the village, and died there Feb. 27, 1809. Married Bridget, daughter of Col. Zaccheus and Esther Lovewell, born in Dunstable in 1748, and died Nov. 25, 1836.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sarah, b. in Dunstable, Jan. 3, 1766; m. Oct. 9, 1781, John, son of John Stearns of Amherst; res. in Vermont, and d. there.
2. Priscilla, b. in Merrimack, Aug. 12, 1768; m. (1) John Crosby; m. (2) Solomon Hallet; d. September, 1847.
3. Augustus, Jr., b. Jan. 18, 1770; m. Jan. 31, 1793, Esther, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Fitch) Crosby, b. in Milford, Feb. 3, 1771. He was a clothier, removing to Sandwich in 1800, where he d. Oct. 11, 1829. She d. Jan. 20, 1849.
4. Hannah, b. Feb. 27, 1772; m. Joel Crosby, b. in Billerica, Mass.; and d. Feb. 19, 1846.
5. Esther, b. May 4, 1774; m. Jan. 26, 1796, Roger Perkins, and d. Dec. 8, 1824.
6. Bridget, b. June 23, 1776; m. Sept. 23, 1806, Timothy Danforth of Amherst, and d. there July 16, 1837.
7. Rebecca, b. in Milford, Nov. 18, 1778; m. July, 1798, Josiah French of Milford; res. there, and d. March 29, 1858.
8. James, b. Feb. 25, 1781; d. March 18, 1798.
9. George, b. Aug. 16, 1783; m. Mrs. Phebe (Lovejoy) Conner, and d. in 1831.
10. Jonathan, b. Nov. 22, 1785; d. Sept. 29, 1788.
11. Porter, b. Aug. 16, 1788; res. in Concord; was the manufacturer of the "Blanchard Churn"; m. Nov. 4, 1810, Anne Stickney Souther, and d. May 25, 1871.
12. Jonathan, b. April 7, 1793; res. St. Louis, Mo.
13. Katherine, b. July 18, 1796; m. 1830, Rufus Taylor, res. in Damariscotta, Me., and d. there Jan. 22, 1868.

Isaac Blanchard, born in 1764, came here when a young man. Of his parents and place of birth we know nothing. He resided in that part of the town known as the "Mile Slip."



Married Aug. 6, 1786, Olive, born in Milford, April 1, 1769, daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Burns) Hopkins. He died April 26, 1826. She died Aug. 13, 1864.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Isaac, Jr., b. Nov. 5, 1786; m. Dec. 30, 1810, Hannah Herrick; rem. to Fitchburg, Mass., and d. there.
2. Olive, b. Aug. 5, 1789; m. Jan. 3, 1809, Jeremiah Howe of Milford; res. and d. in town Dec. 11, 1864.
3. Jerusha, b. Nov. 14, 1791; m. Aug. 28, 1814, Samuel C. Goss; res. and d. in Milford, March 11, 1878.
4. Sophia, b. April 17, 1794; d. Oct. 16, 1884, unm.
5. Charlotte, b. Nov. 4, 1796; m. Dec. 15, 1815, Sylvester Hutchinson of Wilton, and d. there Jan. 26, 1871.
6. Rachel, b. Oct. 7, 1799; m. March 10, 1825, Jacob Howard; res. in Milford, and d. May 3, 1889.
7. Nancy, b. Feb. 23, 1804; m. Feb. 12, 1828, Josephus Baldwin of Nashua; d. there Dec. 31, 1859.
8. Milliora, b. Oct. 3, 1806; d. Feb. 25, 1889, unm.
9. Rebecca, b. June 1, 1809; m. April 8, 1834, William F. Whitmarsh; res. in Nashua, and d. there April 8, 1870.
10. Charles, b. Oct. 20, 1812; was a mechanic; res. in Nashua, where he d. May 29, 1880; m. July 15, 1847, Sarah, dau. of Joseph and Sally (Abbot) Chamberlain of Lyndeborough.

George Blanchard, a colored man and a veterinary surgeon, came here from Wilton in 1804, residing on the farm in the western part of the town known as the Peter Shedd place, where he died March 10, 1824, in the 84th year of his age. His first wife, Hannah, died Dec. 10, 1779. His widow, Elizabeth, died Aug. 28, 1832, aged 82. None of the family has resided in town for many years.

#### CHILDREN BORN IN WILTON.

1. Hannah, b. June 28, 1778.
2. James, b. Oct. 20, 1781; d. Nov. 25, 1781.
3. Molly, b. Oct. 11, 1782.
4. Betty, b. March 26, 1784.
5. George Washington, b. Aug. 25, 1785; d. April 10, 1812.
6. John, b. Dec. 25, 1786; d. March 4, 1828.
7. Anna, b. Jan. 21, 1788.
8. Hepsibah, b. March 1, 1790.
9. † Timothy, b. Oct. 1, 1791.
10. Ruth, b. April 9, 1793.
11. Sally, b. April 25, 1795.

Timothy Blanchard, born in Wilton, Oct. 1, 1791, son of George and Elizabeth Blanchard, came here with his father in 1804; remained on the homestead for many years; in his later years resided on the place now owned by S. C. Coburn. Married Feb. 26, 1824, Dorcas, daughter of Joseph and Eleanor (Woodbury) Hood, born in Milford, April 13, 1798. After he died, she married Luther Elliot of Mason, and died there. We have not dates of their deaths.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George W., b. Nov. 19, 1824; was a cooper, res. in Mont Vernon; m. a Miss Finerty; d. Nov. 2, 1896.
2. Samuel Woodbury, b. Aug. 23, 1826; d. May 4, 1833.
3. Timothy, Jr., b. July 5, 1828.
4. Sarah Malysa, b. July 16, 1830.
5. William C., b. Aug. 25, 1832; d. Feb. 8, 1835.
6. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1834.

Bradley Blanchard was born in Lyndeborough, May 6, 1805, and died in Milford, Oct. 15, 1893. He was a son of Asa and Sybil (Pierce) Blanchard. Was a carpenter, coming here from Concord, Mass., in 1848. Married (1) Almira Stearns of Amherst, October, 1826, born 1806, and died Feb. 28, 1827; (2) Mary M., born Jan. 1, 1803, in Concord, Mass., daughter of William and Abigail (Minot) Bowers, died in Concord, May 23, 1859; (3) Sept. 21, 1859, Charlotte C. Lawrence, widow of Nathaniel Lawrence, and daughter of Elijah, Jr., and Mary (Woods) Buxton, born in Lowell, Vt., Aug. 15, 1818; resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Abby Maria, b. in Concord, Mass., Aug. 2, 1832; d. in Milford, Dec. 25, 1857; unm.
2. Mary Ann, b. July 31, 1834; d. in Concord, Mass., April 1, 1842.
3. Caroline Augusta, b. Dec. 8, 1837; m. Sept. 7, 1865, John A. Stickney of Milford; d. in Wilton, May 19, 1869.
4. † James Means, b. April 18, 1840.
5. Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 16, 1843; m. Aug. 15, 1863, Frank P. Kent of Milford; res. in West Medford, Mass.
6. Anna Frances, b. Aug. 30, 1847; m. Dec. 26, 1882, George Sage of Boston, Mass.; res. in Jamaica Plain, Mass.
7. Nellie Miles, b. in Milford, March 7, 1851; d. in Wilton, April 8, 1866.

James M. Blanchard, born in Concord, Mass., April 18, 1840, came to Milford with his father, Bradley Blanchard, in 1848; is a printer. Married April 25, 1867, Helen A. Woodward, born in Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 6, 1844. They resided there about two years, coming to Milford in 1869, and returning to Fitchburg in 1873, where they now reside.

## CHILDREN.

1. Cora Parmelee, b. in Fitchburg, Mass., March 19, 1868.
2. Harris Albert, b. in Milford, Feb. 12, 1870; d. in Fitchburg, Mass., May 27, 1874.
3. Bertha Bowers, b. in Milford, Oct. 26, 1871; d. in Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 7, 1874.
4. Bessie Woodward, b. in Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 13, 1874.
5. Grace Eliza, b. in Fitchburg, Mass., Dec. 10, 1876.

## BLODGETT.

Nathan F. Blodgett, born in Berlin, Aug. 31, 1854, came here from Milan in 1894; is a farmer, residing on the place formerly owned by Moses Proctor on the road from Milford to Wilton. Married July 9, 1882, Lillian E. Rush, born in Holland, Vt., April 12, 1863.

## CHILDREN.

1. Merlin Freeman, b. in Dummer, June 18, 1883.
2. Guy Cleveland, born in Dummer, Jan. 17, 1885.

## BLUNT.

John Blunt, born in Andover, Mass., June 3, 1786, was a farmer, coming to Milford from Amherst in 1820, locating on a farm on the north end of Federal Hill, now owned by Mr. Rock, remaining there until 1835, when he removed to Nashua, going into the grocery trade in company with his son, remaining there until he retired from active business. He removed to Amherst, where he died Oct. 25, 1860. Married Aug. 2, 1814, Mary Estey, born in Roxbury, Mass., May 25, 1784; died in Amherst, March 21, 1864.

## CHILDREN.

1. John Gray, b. in Amherst, Aug. 23, 1817; res. in Nashua, continuing in trade at the old stand; drowned while bathing at Marblehead, Mass., July 24, 1883; m. Dec. 18, 1845, Caroline, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gould) Ball of Acworth.
2. Lucy Williams, b. in Milford, Feb. 27, 1821; d. in Amherst, May 12, 1886, unm.

## BOUTELLE.

James Boutelle, Jr., born in Antrim, May 30, 1811, was a farmer, came from Bradford to Milford in 1852, residing on the place now occupied by Hotel Ponemah; died there March 27, 1855. Married Oct. 23, 1834, Mary A., daughter of Philip and Hannah (Boutwell) Averill, born in Antrim, Jan. 30, 1815, and died in Hollis, Dec. 17, 1893.

## CHILDREN.

1. † James Converse, b. in Antrim, Nov. 16, 1836.
2. John Averill, b. Nov. 1, 1838, is a farmer, res. in Amherst; m. Oct. 27, 1860, Chastina B., dau. of Porter and Mary A. (Buxton) Dunklee of Amherst.
3. Mary Lovancia, b. March 18, 1841; m. Oct. 9, 1861, Andrew H. Spalding; res. in Hollis, and d. there Dec. 16, 1893.
4. Lavilla Maria, b. April 17, 1843; m. Jan. 19, 1871, John F. Whiting; res. in Amherst, and d. there.
5. Martin Van Buren, b. in East Washington, Jan. 7, 1846; d. in Bradford, Oct. 9, 1849.
6. Martha Lucretia, b. in Bradford, Feb. 5, 1848; d. in Bradford, Oct. 11, 1849.
7. Hannah Lovina, b. in Bradford, Jan. 17, 1851; d. in Milford, Jan. 5, 1854.
8. Sarah Lunetta, b. in Milford, Oct. 7, 1854; d. April 28, 1861.

James C. Boutelle, born in Antrim, Nov. 16, 1836. Is a carpenter. Came from Amherst to Milford in 1890, and resided in the village. Married April 11, 1860, Susan E., daughter of Thomas W. and Julia A. (Peacock) Hayden, born in Amherst, May 31, 1841.

## CHILDREN.

1. Fred Clifton, b. in Amherst, Feb. 28, 1861; d. in Amherst, Feb. 14, 1866.
2. Frank Clinton, b. Feb. 7, 1863; res. in Manchester; m. Nov. 27, 1888, Minnie B. Hill of Milford.
3. John Grant, b. Nov. 13, 1865; m. Dec. 9, 1890, Anna L. Hill of Milford.
4. Willie Converse, b. March 2, 1871; m. Feb. 24, 1893, Minnie L. Lovejoy of Milford.

## BOYLES.

Samuel Boyles, born in Beverly, Mass., Jan. 22, 1806; died in Milford, March 6, 1871. He was a carpenter, coming here

from Marshfield, Vt., in 1833. Married Jan. 7, 1830, Mary L., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Putnam) Barnes of Litchfield, born April 17, 1811, died in Troy, N. Y., May 6, 1893.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Marshfield, Vt., Aug. 27, 1830; m. Jan. 4, 1848, Milton Parker of Milford; d. Jan. 9, 1861.
2. Charles Carol, b. Oct. 9, 1833, is a merchant, residing in Chicago; m. Nov. 9, 1858, Elizabeth Shoup of Davenport, Ia.
3. George Washington, twin with Charles C., b. Oct. 9, 1833; d. in Milford, July 21, 1837.

#### BOYNTON.

James F. Boynton, born in Temple, July 8, 1822, son of Oliver and Sarah (Howard) Boynton. Was a tinsmith, coming here from New Ipswich in 1851. Married April 16, 1849, Harriet R., daughter of Gilbert and Nancy (Stiles) Tapley, born in Wilton, April 6, 1825. He died Dec. 17, 1899.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Freddie Clifton, b. in Milford, April 11, 1852; d. in Milford, June 29, 1853.
2. Fannie Louise, b. April 12, 1855; m. Dec. 25, 1873, William Y. Wadleigh of Boston, Mass. They res. in Somerville, Mass.

#### BRADFORD.

Robert Bradford, the emigrant to this country, born about 1626, died Jan. 13, 1707.

William Bradford, his son, born about 1650, died June 15, 1717. Married Nov. 14, 1676, Rachel Raymont of Beverly, Mass. He was a ropemaker.

William Bradford, his son, born 1686. Married Dec. 23, 1707, Grace Elliot of Beverly, Mass. Was a sailor. He removed from Beverly to Boxford in 1721, thence to Middleton, where he died in 1761.

Capt. Andrew Bradford, son of the last named, born in Beverly, Mass., Nov. 1, 1717, died in Milford, 1798. He bought the right of John Bowtel of Reading, Mass., also right of John Farrington of Lynn, Mass., to lot No. 22 and to lot No. 110, respectively, in Souhegan West, being farm now



owned by J. Fitch Crosby. He married (1) June 16, 1743, Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Cole of Boxford, Mass., and came to his new home in the wilderness; (2) Hannah, born Jan. 6, 1723, widow of Thomas Chandler, and daughter of Colonel John and Hannah (Griggs) Goffe of Bedford. She died in Milford, Dec. 14, 1819.

## CHILDREN OF CAPT. ANDREW BRADFORD.

1. † John, b. in Souhegan West, now Milford, in 1744.
2. Rebecca, b. in Souhegan West, now Milford, Nov. 7, 1757; m. March 8, 1781, Benjamin Taylor, and removed to Andover, Vt., where she d.
3. Mary, b. in Amherst, now Milford, June 12, 1760; d. in Milford, Sept. 8, 1840; m. Sept. 12, 1780, John, son of William and Mary (Burns) Wallace of Milford.
4. Andrew, b. in Amherst, now Milford, June 11, 1763; m. Dec. 19, 1785, Lucy Parker, and res. in North Springfield, Vt., where he d. Jan. 31, 1836.
5. Mehitabel, b. in Amherst, now Milford, July 27, 1766; m. (1) May 28, 1782, Elijah Averill of Mont Vernon; (2) Dr. Henry Codman, July 4, 1809; (3) Jan. 4, 1826, Ezekiel Upton of Mont Vernon; no record of her death.

Capt. John Bradford, born in Souhegan West, now Milford, in 1744, son of Capt. Andrew and Rebecca (Cole) Bradford. He was a farmer, residing on the homestead until 1800, when he removed to Hancock, where he died June 27, 1836. Married Sarah Putnam, who died April 27, 1822, aged 75.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah, b. July 16, 1769; m. Mr. Andrews; res. in Windsor.
2. Thomas, b. June 8, 1771; m. Oct. 3, 1799, Patty Coburn of Wilton; res. in Lyndeborough.
3. John, b. July 9, 1773; res. in Peterborough.
4. Ephraim Putnam, b. Dec. 27, 1776; was a clergyman and res. in New Boston, where he d. Dec. 14, 1845; m. Sept. 1, 1806, Mary M., dau. of Dea. Ephraim and Mary Barker, b. in Amherst, Oct. 9, 1785, d. at the residence of her son in Milwaukee, Wis., May 8, 1874.
5. Betsey, b. Jan. 25, 1779; m. Jan. 25, 1797, Moses Burns of Milford, where she d. May 26, 1868.
6. Thatcher, b. 1781, was a farmer and prominent in town affairs; d. in Hancock, Oct. 18, 1848; m. Mercy, b. March 30, 1786, dau. of John and Sarah (Taylor) Foster of Hancock, and d. there March 17, 1871.

7. Rebecca, b. 1783; m. Dec. 25, 1803, Jacob, son of Major Amos and Molly (Taylor) Whittemore, b. in Greenfield, Oct. 12, 1780, and d. in Antrim, Oct. 14, 1890.
8. William, b. in Milford; d. in Hancock.

### BRADLEY.

George M. Bradley, born in Hollis, Nov. 5, 1842, is a farmer and cooper, coming to Milford from Hollis in 1895. Married Nov. 15, 1870, Maria L. Colburn, of Hudson, born July 1, 1843.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Alice Maria, b. in Hollis, Oct. 22, 1871; m. June 4, 1895, Walter G. Parker; res. in Milford.
2. Mabel Louise, b. in Hollis, Oct. 7, 1875; was a teacher; d. in Milford, April 25, 1897.

### BRAGG.

Daniel S. Bragg, born 1786, came to Milford in 1807, and resided in school district No. 3 several years, then in No. 6, removing to Wilton in 1832, thence to Temple, where he died Feb. 18, 1854. Married March 8, 1809, Susannah Bancroft, born 1787, died in Temple, Nov. 25, 1846.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Daniel, b. in Milford, Sept. 21, 1809; was a stone mason; res. in Brighton, N. Y., where he d. unm. April 1, 1852.
2. Henry Farwell, b. June 22, 1812; was a blacksmith; m. May 28, 1828, Lydia, widow of Charles Tolman and dau. of David and Rachel (Hutchinson) Lovejoy; res. in Wilton and d. there April 3, 1895.
3. John, b. Nov. 20, 1815; m. April 1, 1845, Susannah, widow of Joseph Bancroft and dau. of Oliver and Fannie (Stiles) Whiting, of Wilton; d. in Milford, March 7, 1890.
4. Mary, b. Oct. 3, 1818; res. in Temple, unm.; d. in Wilton, April 7, 1895.
5. Susan Eliza, b. 1822; m. Isaac Gilmore; res. in Nashua and d. there May 6, 1849.
6. Abbie, b. March 16, 1826; m. March 1, 1855, Horace Wilson; res. in Wilton.
7. James, b. June 12, 1829, is a farmer; m. Oct. 9, 1862, Sarah J. Underwood, of Litchfield, and res. in Temple.
8. Hattie M., b. in Temple, Aug. 23, 1834; m. Dec. 24, 1873, Thomas Buswell, of Rindge, and res. there.

## BROOKS.

## Ancestors of Leonard Brooks of Milford :

1. Henry Brooks, the first of the name of whom we have any knowledge, became a freeman in Concord, Mass., March 14, 1639; moved to Woburn, becoming a landowner Jan. 10, 1652; m. (1) Susanna, who d. April 15, 1681; m. (2) Annis Jaquith, July 12, 1682; he d. April 12, 1683.
2. John, son of the above, m. Eunice Mouzal, Nov. 1, 1649, who d. Jan. 1, 1684; he d. Sept. 29, 1692.
3. John, son of the above, b. March 1, 1664; m. Feb. 25, 1684, Mary Richardson; he d. Aug. 7, 1733.
4. Nathan, son of the above, b. Nov. 1, 1706; d. Jan. 6, 1751; m. 1726, Sarah Wyman, who d. Feb. 21, 1747, aged 40 yrs., 6 mo., 3 d.
5. William, son of the above, b. in Woburn, Mass., March 3, 1737; d. in Lyndeborough, Oct. 11, 1804; was an officer in the Revolutionary army; m. Abigail Kemp. Their son, Leonard, d. in Milford in 1860.

Leonard Brooks, born in Hollis, Jan. 29, 1779; died in Milford, April 15, 1860; was a farmer and carpenter; was a captain in the War of 1812, and while in the army built the first framed house in Detroit, Mich., for General Hull; married April 27, 1806, Sarah J. Hosley, born in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 31, 1784; died in Milford, June 22, 1861. They came from New Ipswich in 1833; resided on the place now owned by P. G. Fisher.

## CHILDREN.

1. John Hosley, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 26, 1808; m. March 18, 1824, Alvira Taggart, of Sharon; d. June 6, 1881.
2. Sarah Jane, b. Feb. 22, 1810; m. Feb. 22, 1831, Sewall Osgood, of Hubbardston, Mass.; res. in Chelsea, Mass.
3. Eliza Ann, b. in Groton, Mass., July 27, 1813; m. May 13, 1834, Caleb J. T. Little, who was b. in Goffstown in 1811; she d. in Kewanee, Ill., Oct. 22, 1892.
4. †Walter, b. in New Ipswich, Nov. 20, 1815.

Walter Brooks, born in New Ipswich, Nov. 20, 1815; came to Milford with his father in 1833; was a carpenter; m. March 31, 1842, Martha J. Moulton, born in Newport, Feb. 20, 1821; he died May 6, 1854; she died Oct. 30, 1879.

## CHILDREN.

1. Eliza Ann, b. in Milford, Feb. 5, 1843; m. Dec. 16, 1868, Dana Grafton Fenno, of Boston, Mass.; res. in Lynn, Mass.

2. Abby Maria, b. Aug. 4, 1844; m. March 5, 1863, Sylvanus J. Talbot, of Brookline; res. in Lynn, Mass.
3. †Albin Warner, b. Aug. 10, 1847.
4. Leonard Walter, b. June 16, 1853; m. Jan. 4, 1887, Bertha A. Rolfe, of Colebrook; is a machinist; res. in West Somerville, Mass.

Albin W. Brooks, born in Milford, Aug. 10, 1847; m. June 12, 1869, Mary C. Pond, of Milford, born in Nashua, March 7, 1851; he is a pattern maker, and resides in Taunton, Mass.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Lillie Pearl, b. in Milford, Dec. 11, 1873.
2. Frank Warner, b. in Milford, Sept. 5, 1877.

#### BROWN.

Caleb Brown, born in Brookline, Feb. 12, 1758, was a farmer, coming to Milford in 1782, and settling upon land in the Mile Slip, bought of a General Blanchard of Dunstable, Mass., paying for it with shingles made from trees cut upon the place, which has since been owned by J. J. Badger and John Daniels. Married Elizabeth Bailey, born in Dunstable, Mass., Sept. 4, 1758, died in Milford, July 20, 1825. He died Jan. 27, 1843.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 23, 1782; m. March 20, 1806, Daniel Withey of Mason; d. in Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 4, 1861.
2. Caleb, Jr., b. May 26, 1785; was a farmer; m. June 28, 1812, Sarah Willoughby of Hollis; res. there and d. Feb. 22, 1826.
3. Simeon, b. June 7, 1787; m. Maria Dore of Boston, Mass.; d. in Albany, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1818.
4. Sarah, b. April 27, 1790; m. 1809, Timothy Kemp of Mason; d. in Hudson, March 4, 1858.
5. Grace, b. June 5, 1792; m. July 30, 1816, James Colburn of Tyngsboro, Mass.; res. in North Chelmsford, Mass.; d. in Tyngsboro, Mass., April 20, 1820.
6. †Jacob, b. Jan. 9, 1794.

Jacob Brown, born in Milford, Jan. 9, 1794, was a farmer; resided in Nashua and died there May 18, 1850. Married 1816, Betsey Colburn, born in Tyngsboro, Mass., April 11, 1793, and died in Nashua, Dec. 15, 1877.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey, b. June 7, 1818; m. 1847, Silas Holden, Jr.; res. in North Chelmsford, Mass., and d. there Jan. 22, 1892.

2. Fanny, b. July 5, 1820; m. Nov. 29, 1871, Barnes Putnam; res. in South Lyndeborough.
3. Caleb, 3d, b. Nov. 2, 1822; m. Oct., 1845, Mary A. Reed of Hollis; was a machinist; res. in Nashua, and d. there June 16, 1855.
4. Mary A., b. Jan. 7, 1825; m. Oct. 19, 1871, John F. Holt; res. in South Lyndeborough.
5. Clara, b. May 22, 1827; res. in South Lyndeborough, unm.
6. Harriet, b. Oct. 1, 1829; res. in South Lyndeborough, unm.

Erastus Brown, born in Chelmsford, Mass., Oct. 21, 1802, son of Samuel and Annie (Kendall) Brown. Married Oct. 22, 1826, Annie, daughter of John and Eliza (Coggin) Winship, born in Lexington, Mass., March 10, 1807. He was a shoemaker, coming to Milford from Littleton in 1845, and died Oct. 27, 1854. His widow died in Milford, May 22, 1874.

## CHILDREN.

1. Henry Erastus, b. in Westford, Mass., July 7, 1827; m. May 26, 1851, Hannah Rand of Charlestown, Mass., and res. there; was a blacksmith; d. in New Orleans, Sept. 4, 1866.
2. Calista Ann, b. in Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 6, 1829; m. Nov. 11, 1847, Isaiah Hutchinson of Milford; d. June 13, 1892.
3. Thomas Winship, b. in Boston, Mass., March 15, 1831; is a shoe dealer; res. in Malden, Mass.; m. Nov. 24, 1850, Mary J. Russell of Reading, Mass.
4. Edwin Clarence, b. in Cambridge, Mass., April 22, 1833; m. Jan. 1, 1862, Elizabeth L. Rowe, of Charlestown, Mass.; was a clergyman; d. in Pomona, Cal., Jan. 21, 1892.
5. Orrin Lee, b. in Plymouth, Dec. 28, 1836; m. Oct. 21, 1861, Matilda A. Moody of South Windsor, Me.; was a fresco painter; res. in Boston, Mass.; d. in Malden, Mass., Dec. 17, 1874.
6. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Littleton, May 16, 1839; m. Sept. 11, 1860, Dr. Ebenezer H. Davis of Manchester. After his decease she m. (2) Oct. 8, 1878, Joseph W. Fellows, Esq., and res. in Manchester.

Nelson H. Brown, son of William and Hannah (Farley) Brown, born in Hollis, Dec. 18, 1828. He came here from Merrimack in 1876, and resides on a place a little south of the pumping station of the Milford water-works, in a house erected by himself in 1895. Married May 29, 1851, Harriet E., daughter of Calvin and Lucinda (Wheeler) Willoby, born in Hollis, Sept. 28, 1832.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edward Nelson, b. in Hollis, March 10, 1853; m. Feb. 2, 1876, Lizzie M. Holden of Hollis; was a farmer; res. in Garden City, Kan., and died there Sept. 22, 1878.



2. Lizzie Harriet, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 25, 1856; d. in Hollis, May 8, 1857.
3. †Nathan Francis, b. in Merrimack, Jan. 4, 1860.
4. Lizzie Harriet, b. in Merrimack, Dec. 25, 1861; m. June 4, 1899, Frank E., son of Nathan and Caroline (Stevens) Parker of Raymond; they res. in Milford.
5. Arthur Elgene, b. in Merrimack, Dec. 3, 1873; res. in Nashua, and is employed in a laundry.

Nathan F. Brown, born in Merrimack, Jan. 4, 1860, is a mechanic. Married Oct. 13, 1885, Annie E. Howard, born in Milford, Oct. 13, 1863; resided in Milford on the place formerly owned by Samuel Howard, near Lyndeborough line. Removed to Nashua in 1899.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edward Howard, b. July 15, 1886.
2. Ernest Albert, b. Dec. 26, 1891.
3. Herbert Francis, b. July 23, 1895.

John A. Brown, born in Townsend, Mass., May 21, 1840, was a book agent; came to Milford from Townsend in 1886; removed to Providence, R. I., in 1895, and died there Dec. 2, 1897. Married (1) Nov. 23, 1862, Anabiah Sanderson, born in Groton, Mass., and died in Townsend, Nov. 7, 1865; (2) Dec. 2, 1866, Susan M. Cameron, born in Wells River, Vt., Oct. 4, 1841.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Albert, b. in Townsend, Mass., Oct. 1, 1865, and d. there Oct. 25, 1865.
2. Arthur T., b. in Penacook, Jan. 23, 1870; m. Dec. 23, 1890, Ellie J. Dame of Milford; is a cooper, and res. in Providence, R. I.
3. † Albert Hermon, b. in Townsend, June 21, 1871, is a cooper.
4. Bertha Maria, b. in Milford, Aug. 24, 1873, res. in Providence, R. I.
5. Ralph Norman, b. in Townsend, Sept. 22, 1876.
6. May Hortense, b. in Townsend, May 3, 1879.
7. Edith Pearl, b. in Townsend, April 5, 1882.

Albert H. Brown, son of John A., born in Townsend, Mass., June 21, 1871. Married Sept. 6, 1888, Mary L. Sawyer, born in Antrim, Nov. 11, 1870. Came to Milford in 1886 with his father, and removed to Nashua; now resides in Providence, R. I.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Norman Winfield, b. in Milford, April 1, 1889.
2. Rudolph Allen, b. in Milford, April 22, 1890.

## BRUCE.

John E. Bruce, son of John and Dolly (Durant) Bruce, born in Mont Vernon, Nov. 4, 1817, is a merchant; came to Milford in 1849. Married June 16, 1846, Sarah J., dau. of James and Hannah (Stevens) Whittemore, born in Weymouth, Mass., May 22, 1827.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Erastus, b. in Mont Vernon, Dec. 18, 1846, is a manufacturer, res. in Rochester, N. Y.; m. in 1873, Fanny McMurray of Troy, N. Y.
2. Josephine Estella, b. in Mont Vernon, Aug. 26, 1848, is a teacher; res. in Medford, Mass.
3. Ella Augusta, b. in Milford, Nov. 24, 1850; m. Nov. 16, 1870, Wm. N. Robinson; res. in Milford.
4. Emily Frances, b. July 2, 1853; m. November, 1874, Walter H. Sanborn; res. in St. Paul, Minn.
5. Sarah Whittemore, b. Sept. 9, 1859; m. April 29, 1891, Edwin A. McCrillis of Boston, Mass; res. in Milford.

John A. Bruce, son of Alonzo S. and Maria (Tuten) Bruce, born in Mont Vernon, May 1, 1869, is a clerk. Married Nov. 22, 1894, Lizzie Blanche, daughter of John F. and Mary E. (Hatch) Amsden, born in Milford, Dec. 9, 1870.

## CHILD.

1. Mary E., b. in Milford, July 26, 1896.

## BULLARD.

Edward W. Bullard, son of John and Annie (Mills) Bullard, born in Hyde Park, Vt., in 1824, came to Milford from Holiston, Mass., in 1843. Was a merchant tailor, and died in Milford, Jan. 1, 1856. Married Feb. 6, 1845, Hannah, daughter of Loammi and Mary (McIntosh) Parker, born in Milford, Jan. 27, 1825. After Mr. Bullard's decease the widow married Robert Emerson, and resides in Nashua.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ella Alfaretta, b. in Milford, April 13, 1846, and d. Sept. 10, 1847.
2. Leola E., b. July 11, 1847, and d. Oct. 3, 1856.
3. Kate Eloisa, b. Sept. 27, 1849, and d. March 28, 1853.

Luther S. Bullard, son of Timothy and Lydia (Bowers) Bullard, born in Dublin, Nov. 18, 1818; married Nov. 23, 1847,

Harriet, daughter of Jacob and Betsey (Burnham) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 13, 1817. Came to Milford from Wilton in 1849, residing on the place with C. C. Shaw, and died there March 29, 1883. She died April 26, 1895.

#### CHILD.

1. Fanny J. A., b. in Wilton, Aug. 29, 1848, was engaged in teaching several years; m. Feb. 16, 1887, John W. Horton, and res. in Nashua, where she d. Dec. 17, 1898. They had one child,— Bessie M., b. in Milford, Nov. 6, 1887, and d. April 9, 1893.

#### BURDICK.

Jonathan M. Burdick, son of Joseph U. and Cynthia (Morgan) Burdick, born in Poultney, Vt., Aug. 20, 1832, came from Poultney, Vt., in 1853, is a mechanic, residing in the village. Was collector of taxes in 1875 and 1896. Married June 15, 1856, Mary J., daughter of Benaiah and Martha (Jones) Howe, born in Milford, April 30, 1836.

#### CHILD.

1. Hattie Jane, b. in Milford, Sept. 21, 1857; m. June 15, 1880, Charles E. Rogers of Poultney, Vt., and res. there.

Edwin C. Burdick, son of Joseph U. and Cynthia (Morgan) Burdick, born in Granville, N. Y., June 28, 1841, came to Milford from Poultney, Vt., in 1855, and removed to Lynn, Mass., in 1891. He is an insurance agent. Married July 25, 1865, Anna E., daughter of James B. and Adaline (Gutterson) Gray, born in Wilton, June 29, 1845.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mabel Gertrude, b. in Milford, Sept. 8, 1866; m. Jan. 2, 1888, Fred A. Stickney of Milford, and res. there.
2. Marion Gray, b. Sept. 2, 1872; res. in Lynn, Mass.
3. Bertha Maria, b. Dec. 18, 1874; m. Sept. 20, 1899, George L. Mower; res. in Lynn, Mass.

#### BURKE.

Nahum Wallace Burke, son of Nahum and Evelina P. E. (Taylor) Burke, born in North Anson, Me., May 14, 1825, died in Nashua, June 13, 1883; came to Milford in 1848, removing to Nashua in 1856. He was in the restaurant busi-

ness while here, and in Nashua established the bakery business now carried on by his son, Charles H. Burke. Married Oct. 14, 1847, Anna Maria, daughter of Harvey and Sally (Holmes) Lewis, born in Francestown, July 23, 1828.

## CHILDREN.

1. Anna Maria, b. in Milford, July 5, 1848; d. in Milford, Aug. 7, 1848.
2. Charles Lewis, b. in Milford, Oct. 31, 1849; d. there Aug. 9, 1850.
3. Charles Horace, b. in Milford, Dec. 14, 1850; m. Sept. 7, 1876, Asenath Danforth Spalding of Nashua; res. in Nashua. A bakery business left by his father is successfully carried on by him, and he has held many offices of honor and responsibility within the gift of his fellow-citizens.
4. Hattie Bell, b. in Milford, Aug. 24, 1852; res. unm. in Nashua.
5. Frederic Taylor, b. in Nashua, July 5, 1857; is a baker; m. Feb. 13, 1889, Hattie Adella McKean of Nashua, and res there.
6. Helen Maria, b. in Nashua, July 1, 1859; cashier; res. unm. in Nashua.
7. Elizabeth Lewis, b. in Nashua, Jan. 13, 1863; was a teacher; d. in Nashua, July 4, 1886.
8. Anna Wallace, b. in Nashua, June 29, 1868; d. there Sept. 13, 1868.

## BURNHAM.

Col. Joshua Burnham, born in Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 26, 1754, died in Milford, Jan. 7, 1835; was the son of Stephen and Mary (Andrews) Burnham; came to Milford when a young man; was a farmer, residing on the place known as the Jesse Hutchinson homestead; was in the Revolutionary army several years, and held the various military offices up to colonel in the state militia. Married Jan. 21, 1779, Jemima Wyman, born 1757, and died in Milford, Sept. 6, 1843.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sally, b. 1779; d. Dec. 27, 1789.
2. Joshua, Jr.
3. Jemima, b. May 9, 1783; m. Nov. 21, 1810, Romanus Emerson of Hancock; res. in South Boston, Mass., and d. there Aug. 5, 1868.
4. Thomas, b. May 9, 1783; was a farmer, res. in Antrim and Hillsborough, where he d. in 1856; m. July 30, 1807, Rachel Conant of Milford.
5. Mary, b. 1785; m. June 16, 1811, Jacob Flinn, Jr.

6. Azel W., b. May 15, 1787; was a farmer, res. in Mont Vernon, where he d. April 24, 1865; m. Sept. 20, 1816, Lydia H. Peabody of Mont Vernon.
7. Asa, b. —; res. in Salem, Mass.; was a sea captain; d. at sea, September, 1828; m. in 1810, Elizabeth, dau. of Isaac Giddings of Salem.
8. Lydia.
9. Sarah, m. April 17, 1839, William, son of Andrew Leavitt of Amherst; res. in Nashua.
10. Ann, b. Aug. 7, 1795; m. Oct. 18, 1818, Nathaniel Chittenden of Dorchester, Mass.; m. (2) Sears, son of Jonathan Hersey of Jamaica Plain, Mass., April 15, 1827, and d. there Aug. 25, 1869.
11. Sabrina, b. —; d. Nov. 8, 1845.

William P. Burnham, son of Azel and Lydia H. (Peabody) Burnham, and a grandson of Col. Joshua, was born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 22, 1827; was a farmer, residing on farm formerly owned by John Bartlett; d. there May 3, 1885. Married Nov. 12, 1850, Frances C. Bartlett, born in Milford, June 15, 1831.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ella S., b. Nov. 30, 1851; m. Dec. 23, 1885, George C. Evans; res. in Jefferson.
2. Annie J., b. Aug. 5, 1853; m. Oct. 16, 1890, Walter Warren; res. at homestead.
3. Mary F., b. June 12, 1856; m. Sept. 23, 1880, George C. Hadley; res. in Mont Vernon, and d. there Dec. 15, 1881.
4. Myra E., b. July 4, 1859; m. Oct. 5, 1882, Frank L. Macomber of Boston, Mass.; res. in Nashua.
5. William W., b. May 17, 1862; is a farmer and teamster; unm.; res. on homestead with his mother.
6. Carrie I., b. July 24, 1869; m. Jan. 1, 1891, Cyrus W. Foss of East Raymond, Me.; res. in Nashua.

Andrew Burnham, son of Jeremiah and Mary (Burnham) Burnham, born in Essex, Mass., Aug. 11, 1761, came to Milford when a young man and settled upon the farm now owned by Chester C. Fitch. Married Dec. 5, 1787, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Burns, born in Milford, Sept. 13, 1767. He died in Milford, Aug. 3, 1838. She died Feb. 7, 1857.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey B., b. Sept. 6, 1788; m. Aug. 27, 1807, Jacob Hutchinson of Milford, and d. there Jan. 18, 1839.



2. Chloe B., b. Mar. 22, 1791; m. Nov. 7, 1809, Capt. Noah Foster of Milford, and d. there Sept. 16, 1824.
3. Polly, b. May 10, 1793; m. Mar. 29, 1819, John Hutchinson of Brookline, and d. there Feb. 5, 1864.
4. Andrew, Jr., b. Sept. 27, 1796; was a carpenter; m. (1) June 6, 1822, Martha Hutchinson of Lyndeborough; m. (2) Ann Roby, who d. in 1837; m. (3) Margaret Hitchcock of Bellingham, Mass., in 1837, who d. in 1862. He d. there July 26, 1865.
5. Fanny, b. May 28, 1800; m. May 28, 1822, William Peacock, Jr., of Amherst, where they res. many years, then rem. to Brookline, where she d. Jan. 18, 1876.
6. Hannah, b. March 25, 1804; m. Dec. 14, 1837, David W. Blunt of Amherst; d. in Milford, Jan. 14, 1882.
7. Jeremiah, b. Jan. 5, 1808; was a farmer, res. in New Boston, where he d. April 26, 1883; m. June 6, 1833, Abigail Whiting of Franklin, Mass.

Dexter S. Burnham, son of Francis and Mary (Fletcher) Burnham, born in Greenfield, Nov. 18, 1819, came to Milford in 1842; was a druggist for many years, and d. there Dec. 13, 1892. Married June 1, 1848, Harriet M., daughter of Freeman and Harriet (Crosby) Crosby, born in Milford Feb. 9, 1827.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lizzie Fisher, adopted in 1851; m. Sept. 23, 1868, Thomas H. Gwynne of Boston, Mass., who d. in December, 1868. She m. (2) Jan. 1, 1878, Herbert S. Packard of Philadelphia, Pa., and d. there in March, 1889.
2. Mary Frances, b. Sept. 20, 1854, and d. Aug. 20, 1856.
3. Sarah French, b. Mar. 6, 1859; m. Dec. 24, 1879, George B. French, an attorney at law, and res. in Nashua.
4. Hattie Florence, b. June 6, 1864; unm.; res. with her mother.

Milo R. Burnham, born in New Boston, Feb. 2, 1847, came to Milford from New Boston in 1868, returning after a few years, and coming again to Milford in 1884 now resides there; is a mechanic. Married Jan. 22, 1866, Sarah F., daughter of Nelson E. and Fidelia (Whipple) Shedd, born in Mont Vernon, Nov. 18, 1847.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Fred Nelson, b. in Mont Vernon, March 4, 1867; is a mechanic, res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Jan. 21, 1890, Nellie M. Cummings of Milford.
2. Harry Leon, b. in Milford, Dec. 2, 1869; d. in Hillsborough, July 6, 1880.

3. Florence Maria, b. in Milford, Jan. 17, 1873; m. Oct. 3, 1894, Dr. Irving F. Graves, and res. in Milford.
4. Louie Viola, b. in New Boston, Dec. 5, 1878; res. at home.

## BURNS.

John Burns, born in the north of Ireland about 1701; died in Milford, Aug. 4, 1782. Of his wife we know nothing. He emigrated to this country in 1736, with his wife and three children, another being born on the passage. He settled in Nottingham West, now Hudson, where four other children were born to them. They came to Milford in 1746, settling on land now owned by Dr. Fred M. Wetherbee, a lineal descendant of the fifth generation of this early settler, lying one and a half miles south of the village and on the east side of the Brookline road.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary, b. in Ireland, May, 1730; m. in 1752 Wm. Wallace of Londonderry, and settled in Milford, where she d. May 8, 1815.
2. † John, b. in Ireland, March 28, 1732.
3. † George, b. in Ireland, 1734.
4. Jane, b. at sea, 1736; m. Joseph Gould; rem. to Harvard, Mass., in 1777, where he d. Jan. 15, 1809, aged 76 years. She d. there June 10, 1834.
5. Betsey, b. in Nottingham West in 1738; m. William McLane, and res. in Bristol, Me.
6. † Thomas, b. in 1740.
7. Martha, b. 1742; m. Ebenezer Hopkins of Milford, and d. there Feb. 6, 1792.
8. Sarah, b. 1743; m. in 1765, John Patterson of Amherst, and d. there Oct. 28, 1795.

John Burns, Jr., born in Ireland, March 28, 1732, a son of the emigrant John Burns who settled in Milford in 1746. Resided on the place now owned by Michael Holland. Married about 1761, Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Jones of Wilmington, Mass., who died April 26, 1782. He died Jan. 16, 1825.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † John, b. March 28, 1763.
2. † Daniel, b. Nov. 15, 1764.
3. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 13, 1766; m. Dec. 5, 1787, Andrew Burnham of Milford, and d. there Feb. 7, 1857.

4. † Moses, b. Sept. 10, 1768.
5. † Joseph, b. March 4, 1770.
6. Mary, b. Aug. 10, 1774; d. Aug. 25, 1795.
7. † Joshua, b. Oct. 28, 1777.

George Burns, born in Ireland in 1734, a son of John Burns, who settled in Milford in 1746. He resided on farm now owned by Samuel A. Lovejoy, where he died March 7, 1805. Married Jane McQuaid, born 1737, and died Nov. 30, 1814.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Anna, b. 1763; d. June 19, 1815, unm.
2. Sarah, b. —; m. Robert Campbell; res. in Nova Scotia, and d. there.
3. Susannah, b. —, and d. in infancy.
4. Hannah, b. Aug. 25, 1771; m. Dr. Chas. Tuttle; res. in Milford, and d. there May 15, 1858.
5. Susannah, b. 1774; d. in Milford, Sept. 15, 1795.
6. Jemima, b. —; d. Sept. 12, 1825, unm.
7. Esther, b. 1780; m. Dea. William Lovejoy, Sept. 27, 1803, and d. April 11, 1816.
8. Elizabeth, b. 1782; d. Aug. 29, 1821, unm.

Thomas Burns, born in Nottingham West, now Hudson, in 1740, a son of John Burns, who settled in Milford in 1746. He resided on the farm now owned by Henry J. Wilson, on the Federal Hill road, and died there March, 1811. Married August, 1763, Elizabeth Harkness, born in Lunenburg, Mass., and died in Hollis.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Thomas, b. 1767; m. Nancy Greeley of Gilmanton.
2. Betsey, b. 1769; m. a Mr. Burnham.
3. James, b. Aug. 15, 1771; m. a Miss Greeley, and res. in Lowell, Me.
4. John, b. June 25, 1773.
5. Martha, b. 1775; m. Oct. 16, 1804, William Towne of Amherst, and d. there.
6. Molly, b. Oct. 12, 1777; m. June 6, 1802, Peter Flint of Reading, Mass., and d. there Dec. 29, 1842.
7. † Samuel, b. Sept. 17, 1779.
8. Hannah, b. 1781; m. Joshua Burns, a cousin; res. in Milford, and d. there Oct. 7, 1821.
9. Ruth, b. 1783; m. Jan. 21, 1812, John, or Robert, White; res. in Peterborough, and d. there Sept. 19, 1836.

John Burns, 3d, born in Milford, March 28, 1763, son of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Burns. Was a farmer and resided on the place now owned by his grandson, John M. Burns, where he died Feb. 17, 1828. Married Grisey, daughter of Peter and Grisey (Wilson) Patterson, born in Londonderry, June 16, 1761, and died in Milford, March 22, 1845.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John, b. Dec. 25, 1785; m. Nov. 25, 1817, Betsey McNeil of New Boston. He was a jeweler, and res. in a house in the village now known as the Dea. Knight place, where he d. Feb. 20, 1820.
2. † Peter, b. April 25, 1789.
3. Asa, b. July 20, 1791; d. Jan. 23, 1792.
4. Grisey, b. May 11, 1797; m. July 16, 1816, David Dunklee, Jr.; res. in Milford, and d. June 11, 1846.

Daniel Burns, born in Milford, Nov. 15, 1764. Resided on the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Herbert G. Burns. Was chosen deacon of the Congregational church in 1811. Married about 1788, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Grisey (Wilson) Patterson, born in Londonderry, March 10, 1765, and died Jan. 4, 1848. He died Nov. 29, 1860.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. James, b. Sept. 16, 1789, and d. Oct. 27, 1813.
2. † Daniel, Jr., b. July 4, 1791.
3. Peter, b. Aug. 31, 1793; d. July 5, 1797.
4. Moses, b. Jan. 22, 1796; m. June 5, 1820, Phebe, dau. of John and Phebe (Ballard) Gutterson of Milford. They resided in Alexandria, where he d. Sept. 28, 1864.
5. Peter, b. March 4, 1798; m. July 11, 1833, Cynthia Smith of Milford. They res. many years on the farm now owned by John B. Burt, then rem. to the village, where he d. Sept. 11, 1887.
6. Betsey, b. July 15, 1800; d. April 25, 1860, unm.
7. † John, b. Oct. 15, 1802.
8. Grisey, b. Sept. 3, 1804; d. Oct. 31, 1806.
9. William, b. April 16, 1807; d. Jan. 24, 1808.

Moses Burns, born in Milford, Sept. 10, 1768. Resided upon the farm until lately owned by his grandson, Jason T. Burns, where he died Jan. 16, 1841. Married Jan. 28, 1797, Betsey, daughter of Capt. John and Sarah (Putnam) Bradford, born in Milford, Jan. 25, 1779, and died there May 26, 1868.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Asa, b. Feb. 24, 1798.
2. † Isaac, b. Aug. 13, 1799.
3. Mary, b. May 16, 1801; m. Jan. 26, 1824, Amos Gutterson of Milford, and d. there April 9, 1831.
4. Sarah, b. Jan. 19, 1803; m. Dec. 12, 1822, James B. Gray of Wilton, and d. there Nov. 8, 1844.
5. William, b. April 11, 1805; d. April 21, 1805.
6. Eliza, b. Dec. 15, 1807; m. (1) Dr. John Wallace, Jr., of Milford, Sept. 22, 1829; (2) March 30, 1840, Joseph Davis of Hancock, and d. there Nov. 19, 1881.
7. Rhoda, b. Dec. 25, 1809; m. Feb. 8, 1832, Elliot Hutchinson of Milford, and d. there March 4, 1873.
8. Caroline M., b. June 13, 1812; m. Aug. 11, 1836, Lovell Harris of Harrisville. Res. there many years; rem. to Milford, where she d. July 12, 1894.
9. † George W., b. Sept. 22, 1814.
10. Emily R., b. Nov. 25, 1817; m. Jan. 1, 1840, Benjamin R. Hutchinson (afterwards had his name changed to Benjamin Russell); res. in town a few years, where she d. Feb. 28, 1843. He went to California, where he was accidentally drowned. They had one child, Frank E., b. Feb. 3, 1841, d. May 13, 1844.
11. † William Bradford, b. Dec. 9, 1820.

Joseph Burns, born in Milford, March 4, 1770, resided on the farm one and one half miles south of the village lying on the west side of the Brookline road, lately owned by his grandson, George W. Duncklee, where he died Dec. 1, 1852. Married Nancy A. Farrington, born March 24, 1766; died Nov. 22, 1854.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joseph, Jr., b. Aug. 1, 1791; m. Mary Whitney; res. in Boston, Mass.; d. in Milford, Aug. 29, 1841.
2. Rufus, b. Dec. 30, 1792; m. Elizabeth A. Hammond; res. in Boston, Mass., thence rem. to Wilton, where he d. April 23, 1881.
3. Nancy, b. June 26, 1794; d. in Boston, Mass., May 4, 1816.
4. William Bela, b. Nov. 26, 1795; m. Hermilla ———; d. in Milford, Feb. 5, 1828.
5. Sophronia, b. April 25, 1797; m. (1) Philip Whitman, res. in Virginia, (2) May 15, 1836, Elisha Hutchinson, res. in Milford; d. in Wilton, Sept. 19, 1889.
6. Ira, b. April 24, 1799; d. Sept. 24, 1802.
7. Indiana, b. Oct. 23, 1800; m. Dec. 28, 1820, Joseph Duncklee of Milford; res. there, and d. Sept. 17, 1878.



8. Ira, b. April 20, 1803; m. Eliza Bailey; d. in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 22, 1844.
9. Ralph, b. Nov. 6, 1805; m. April 15, 1830, Eliza D. Pierce of Merrimack. Was a farmer, res. in Milford, in Hebron, in Brookline, and in Hollis, where he d. very suddenly March 5, 1884.

Joshua Burns, son of John and Elizabeth (Jones) Burns, born in Milford, Oct. 28, 1777, was a farmer, residing on the place now owned by Edward H. Clark. Married Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Harkness) Burns, born in Milford in 1780, and died Oct. 7, 1821. He left his family in 1809, going to Farmington, Conn., where he died.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Porter, b. Dec. 17, 1802, a shoemaker, res. in Stoneham, Mass., where he d. Nov. 24, 1850.
2. Hannah, b. Feb. 19, 1804, m. Dec. 8, 1824, Timothy Patch of Hollis, where she d. May 19, 1827.
3. Alma, b. June 3, 1805, m. Abram, or Abraham, Wilkins of Peterborough, where she d. May 23, 1832.
4. Joshua, b. Sept. 21, 1807, m. August, 1834, Emeline Knowlton of Milford. Was a shoemaker, res. in Goffstown, where he d. March 18, 1896.
5. Fanny, b. Oct. 1, 1809; d. in Milford, June 14, 1816.

Samuel Burns, born in Milford, Sept. 17, 1779, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Harkness) Burns, was a farmer, residing on the farm with his father. Was selectman from 1807 to 1817, dying in office, Sept. 20. Married Feb. 12, 1801, Abigail, born in Milford, daughter of Jonathan Jones; died in Milford, Nov. 19, 1854.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Abigail, m. May 2, 1820, Robert B. Cotton; res. in Greenfield, and d. there Sept. 24, 1849.
2. Eliza H., b. Nov. 24, 1802, m. Nov. 28, 1822, Dr. Israel Herrick; res. in Lyndeborough, and d. there April 20, 1868.
3. Freeman, b. 1804, rem. to state of Maine when a young man, and nothing is known of him.
4. Lydia Jones, b. Jan. 13, 1806, m. Dec. 25, 1827, Charles, son of Isaac and Mary (Ritter) Spalding of Wilton; res. there, and d. March 23, 1861.
5. † Charles A., b. Jan. 19, 1809.
6. ———, b. 1811, d. of spotted fever Jan. 14, 1816.
7. ———, b. 1813, d. of spotted fever Jan. 18, 1816.

8. Emeline, b. 1817, m. June, 1842, Isaac, son of Jonathan, Jr., and Lydia (Howe) Cummings; res. in Milford, and d. there Oct. 11, 1847.

Peter Burns, born in Milford, April 25, 1789, was a farmer, residing on the homestead. Was a captain in the state militia. Married Nov. 27, 1810, Sally, daughter of David and Sarah (Hood) Duncklee, born in Milford, March 7, 1791. He died Oct. 18, 1865. She died July 20, 1870.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sally Jane, b. Oct. 6, 1811, m. April 12, 1849, John Daniels of Brookline; res. in Milford, and d. there Jan. 7, 1878.
2. Peter Patterson, b. May 22, 1815, was a farmer; m. Oct. 11, 1840, Chastina Haywood of Topsham, Vt.; res. in Amherst, and d. there May 4, 1857.
3. Harriet, b. Dec. 12, 1817, and d. April 21, 1818.
4. Mary Ann, b. March 27, 1822, m. Nov. 30, 1843, James M. Burns of Milford, where they res.
5. Elvira, b. Dec. 22, 1824, m. Sept. 11, 1845, John Town, Jr., and res. in Milford.
6. † Luther Melendy, b. Jan. 28, 1827.
7. † John M., b. May 17, 1829.

Daniel Burns, Jr., born in Milford, July 4, 1791, son of Dea. Daniel and Elizabeth (Patterson) Burns, was a farmer, residing on the homestead, where he died May 16, 1866. Married May 20, 1817, Lydia Sawtelle, born in Brookline, March 13, 1796, and died in Milford, Oct. 6, 1865.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Amanda Malbana, b. June 4, 1818, m. Sept. 30, 1841, Rev. James Holmes of Londonderry; d. in Bennington, Dec. 4, 1886. He d. Aug. 10, 1888.
2. James Mortimer, b. Dec. 11, 1819, m. Nov. 30, 1843, Mary A. Burns; res. in Milford.
3. † William Wallace, b. June 30, 1822.
4. Charles Wells, b. Sept. 10, 1824; d. Oct. 30, 1832.
5. † Eli Sawtelle, b. May 5, 1827.
6. Henry Martin, b. Jan 18, 1832; d. Nov. 26, 1832.
7. Josephine Moore, b. May 10, 1837, m. Feb. 8, 1872, William L. Taylor of Bennington, and res. there.

John Burns, born in Milford, Oct. 15, 1802, was a farmer, residing on a place in the west part of the town since deserted.

Married (1) July 3, 1828, Susan, daughter of John Daniels of Brookline, born Oct. 30, 1808, and died Jan. 2, 1851; (2) Esther Shattuck, born in Nashua, and died there March 4, 1895. He died June 13, 1875.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Susan Elizabeth, b. July 14, 1830, m. May 5, 1853, Levi S. Parker of Pepperell, Mass.; res. in Milford. She m. a second time, and res. in Greenfield.
2. Marinda Augusta, b. May 11, 1833, m. June 6, 1855, Handel A. Smith; res. in Milford.
3. †Daniel Wells, b. Dec. 18, 1835.
4. Maria Anjenette, b. Feb. 19, 1840, m. July 11, 1875, Hezekiah P. Hamblett; res. in Milford.

Asa Burns, born in Milford, Feb. 24, 1798, was a farmer residing on the place formerly owned by his grandfather, and now owned by Michael Holland. Married June 3, 1823, Nancy Crosby, born in Milford, Sept. 27, 1801, and died Dec. 20, 1874. He died April 18, 1880.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Asa Putnam, b. March 6, 1824, m. March 26, 1860, Henrietta Davidson of Highland Co., Ohio, is a farmer, res. in Admire, Kan.
2. Joseph Crosby, b. Nov. 22, 1827; d. Sept. 14, 1831.
3. Nancy Orinda, b. Dec. 31, 1832; m. Feb. 16, 1858, Ezra Carter Towne; res. in Milford, and d. there Aug. 7, 1880.
4. Joseph Crosby, b. Dec. 18, 1834, and d. Sept. 2, 1859, unm.
5. Harriet E., b. Jan. 22, 1838, m. Sept. 22, 1858, Franklin W. Sargent; res. in Milford.
6. Charles Gray, b. March 12, 1840, m. April 29, 1865, Abbie J. Kidder of Milford. He is a farmer, and res. in Delano, Minn.
7. John Bradford, b. March 9, 1843, m. Sept. 3, 1868, Libbie Simpson of Indianapolis, Ind. He is a railroad engineer, res. in Indianapolis, Ind.

Isaac Burns, born in Milford, Aug. 13, 1799, was a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by his father, Moses Burns, and later by his son, Jason T. Burns, where he died Sept. 26, 1882. Married April 26, 1827, Lydia Gutterson, born in Milford, July 12, 1801, and died March 13, 1871.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lydia Janette, b. Feb. 23, 1828, m. May 16, 1855, Horace W. Wilson; res. in Merrimack.

2. † Isaac Jasper, b. Oct. 1, 1830.
3. † Jason Thomas, b. Feb. 14, 1833.

George W. Burns, born in Milford, Sept. 22, 1814. Was a manufacturer. Resided in the village. Married (1) Aug. 4, 1840, Clarissa Coburn, born in Mont Vernon, April 29, 1818, and died in Milford, Nov. 3, 1843; (2) Ann M. Hall, born in Warren, Me., in 1817, died in Milford, April 10, 1861; (3) Oct. 31, 1861, Mary J. Stevens, born in Bedford, March 14, 1822. Resided in Milford. He died July 17, 1889.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emily C., b. Feb., 1843; m. Nov., 1866, Charles H. Coggin of Milford; d. in San Francisco, Cal., April 21, 1877.
2. Edla Larcom, b. Sept., 1846; d. in Milford, Feb. 15, 1867.

William B. Burns, born in Milford, Dec. 9, 1820. Was a farmer. Remained on the homestead until 1856, when he removed to Rutland, Ill., and died in San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14, 1874. Married May 22, 1842, Lucinda, daughter of William and Sally (Fessenden) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Oct. 21, 1820. Resided in Boston, Mass.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank William, b. in Milford, May 28, 1844; was a miller; res. in Seattle, Wash.; m. (1) May 28, 1867, Annie L., dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Topliff) Houghton of Princeton, Ill.; (2) Mary Katherine, dau. of Benjamin D. and Martha C. (Winslow) Foster of Bradford, Me., Feb. 8, 1881; he d. June 6, 1898.
2. Fred Wayland, b. in Milford, July 14, 1845; is a miller; res. in LeMars, Iowa; m. May 23, 1867, Nantie Adelia, dau. of Silas H. and Zilphia P. (Brown) Arnold of Adams, Mass.
3. Clara Dell, b. in Milford, Sept. 22, 1851; m. June 20, 1872, William S., son of Duncan R. and Marie (Sternes) McLellan of Stockton, Cal. They res. in San Diego, Cal.
4. Cora Annie, b. in Rutland, Ill., Aug. 6, 1858; res. in Boston, Mass., unm.

Charles A. Burns, born in Milford, Jan. 19, 1809. Was a farmer, residing some years upon a farm formerly owned by Jacob Flinn, Esq., and now owned by Thomas Bishop, and afterwards lived on a farm now owned by Alonzo W. Howard, where he died July 25, 1857. Married Dec. 31, 1833, Elizabeth, daughter of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 18, 1816, and died there Sept. 4, 1885.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Charles Henry, b. Jan. 19, 1835.
2. Edward Alonzo, b. Nov. 4, 1836; m. May 8, 1862, Lucretia A. Hutchinson of Milford. Was a milk dealer; res. in Somerville, Mass., and d. there Jan. 11, 1891.
3. Annie Elizabeth, b. July 14, 1838; m. June 2, 1858, Charles E. Barret of Wilton; res. in Somerville, Mass.
4. Mark Fordyce, b. May 24, 1841; was a milk dealer; res. in Somerville, where he served in the city council two years, a member of the board of aldermen two years, and mayor four years; m. Nov. 17, 1862, Elvira Bowers of Dunstable, Mass., and d. in Winchester, Mass., Jan. 16, 1898.
5. George Hutchinson, b. Aug. 18, 1845; d. Oct. 11, 1865.
6. Samuel Albert, b. Nov. 10, 1847; d. in Meriden, Sept. 22, 1865.
7. Fred Morton, b. Sept. 14, 1850; m. Sept. 14, 1878, Lizzie Albert of Charlestown, Mass. Was a milk dealer, residing in Somerville, Mass., where he d. Dec. 25, 1887.
8. Robert, b. Dec. 10, 1854; d. Aug. 30, 1855.
9. Richard, b. July 3, 1856; is a salesman; m. April 15, 1879, Emma E. Searle of Chelsea, Mass., where they reside.

Luther M. Burns, born in Milford, Jan. 28, 1827. Is a farmer, owning a part of the old homestead, the former residence of his father and grandfather. Married April 15, 1852, Sarah, daughter of Foster and Mary (Gregg) Wyatt, born in Amherst, Oct. 26, 1829. He resides in the village.

## CHILD.

1. Fred L., b. in Milford, Dec. 14, 1858; is a civil engineer, res. in New York city; m. June 1, 1881, Kittie L. Roby.

John M. Burns, born in Milford, May 17, 1829, is a farmer, residing on a part of the old homestead, the former residence of his father and grandfather, where he d. Jan. 20, 1900. Married April 15, 1852, Adaline, daughter of Foster and Mary (Gregg) Wyatt, born in Amherst, Feb. 17, 1828.

## CHILD.

1. † Willis L., b. in Nashua, Feb. 17, 1853.

William W. Burns, born in Milford, June 30, 1822, son of Daniel, Jr., and Lydia (Sawtelle) Burns. Was a farmer, residing on the farm now owned by Clarence J. Gutterson, where he died Nov. 28, 1862. Married Oct. 14, 1847, Lucinda,



daughter of Henry and Sarah (Osgood) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 19, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ellen Amanda, b. Aug. 5, 1848; m. Dec. 31, 1868, Aaron Bruce Hutchinson of Mont Vernon; res. in Milford, where she d. Feb. 6, 1898.
2. Marietta J., b. Aug. 7, 1850; d. March 5, 1853.
3. Emma L., twin, b. Oct. 10, 1852; is a tailoress, res. in Milford. unm.
4. Effa C., twin, b. Oct. 10, 1852; is a tailoress, res. in Milford, unm.
5. Clara E., b. May 1, 1856; m. a Mr. Blodgett of Nashua; d. in Milford, Oct. 13, 1881.
6. Walter S., b. Feb. 2, 1858; d. Nov. 8, 1875.
7. Lucien H., b. Nov. 28, 1861; d. July 24, 1886.

Eli S. Burns, born in Milford, May 5, 1827, son of Daniel, Jr., and Lydia (Sawtelle) Burns. Is a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Moses Averill. Married May 24, 1849, Hannah J., daughter of Levi and Hannah (Jewett) Gordon, born in Bridgewater, Jan. 18, 1827, and died in Milford, Nov. 17, 1896.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Edgar S., b. in Salmon Falls, Oct. 14, 1852.
2. Lillian A., b. in Milford, Oct. 2, 1858, and res. there; unm.
3. † Herbert G., b. July 23, 1861.
4. Kate A., b. June 16, 1865; m. Feb. 12, 1885, James W. Bills of Hollis; res. in Nashua.

Daniel Wells Burns, born in Milford, Dec. 18, 1835. Is a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Jacob Howard. Married Dec. 25, 1860, Carrie S., daughter of Willard and Nancy (Peacock) Kendall, born in Hollis, Dec. 10, 1834. They resided in Boston, Mass., from 1855 to 1874.

## CHILDREN.

1. Willard Wells, b. in Milford, Feb. 5, 1863; d. in Boston, Mass., Aug. 9, 1864.
2. Ulysses Lincoln, b. in Boston, Mass., Aug. 18, 1865; is a grocer, res. in Boston, Mass.; m. June 25, 1891, Mary Grace, dau. of Geo. and Mary A. (Wright) Blanchard of Wilton.
3. Gertrude Maria, b. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 28, 1871; res. in Milford.

Isaac Jasper Burns, born in Milford, Oct. 1, 1830. Was a farmer and millwright, residing near the village, owning part of the farm formerly owned by Rev. Humphrey Moore, where he died Feb. 20, 1887. Married (1) Sept. 27, 1854, Hannah W. Duncklee, born in Francestown, Feb. 14, 1834, and died in Milford, Feb. 24, 1864; (2) Sept. 8, 1866, Eva M. Bailey, born in Greenfield, May 27, 1833, and died in Milford, June 17, 1878; (3) Jan. 19, 1881, Mary A. (French) Parker, born in Bedford, Sept. 13, 1851. Now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. † George Frank, b. in Francestown, Aug. 5, 1855.
2. Mary Imogene, b. in Milford, April 2, 1860; d. Sept. 22, 1861.
3. Edgar Woodbury, b. in Milford, Aug. 12, 1861; d. May 21, 1864.
4. Leon DeWitt, b. in Milford, Jan. 22, 1870; d. Sept. 25, 1870.
5. Scott Leo, b. Oct. 18, 1872; d. Nov. 22, 1874.
6. Jessie Lena, b. March 11, 1874; res. in Milford.

Jason T. Burns, born in Milford, Feb. 14, 1833, son of Isaac and Lydia (Gutterson) Burns, remained on homestead until the death of his father, then removed to the village, engaging in wood and lumber trade with his son. Married Nov. 11, 1857, Eliza A., daughter of John B. and Recta (Wright) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Feb. 17, 1837.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elgin Jason, b. Oct. 28, 1863, and d. unm. in Boston, Mass., Oct. 30, 1890.
2. † Elmer Bryant, b. Oct. 18, 1865.

Charles H. Burns, born in Milford, Jan. 19, 1835, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Burns, is a lawyer, residing in Wilton. Married Jan. 19, 1856, Sarah N., daughter of John and Sarah (Putnam) Mills, born in Wilton, Dec. 15, 1835.

## CHILDREN.

1. Arthur Henry, b. in Wilton, Aug. 3, 1856; d. Aug. 23, 1876.
2. Bessie, b. July 6, 1859; m. June 15, 1881, William A. Gregg of Wilton; res. in Nashua.
3. Mary Bell, b. Nov. 4, 1861; d. April 14, 1863.
4. Charles Alonzo, b. Jan. 3, 1863; m. Oct. 14, 1885, Lulie C. Jones. He is a merchant, and res. in Boston, Mass.

5. Blanche May, b. May 5, 1868; res. unm. in Wilton.
6. Ben Emery, b. July 21, 1872; is a lawyer, and res. in Boston, Mass.

Willis L. Burns, born in Nashua, Feb. 17, 1853, son of John M. and Adaline (Wyatt) Burns, is a farmer and does a large business in raising poultry and eggs; resides on place formerly owned by his great-grandfather, John Burns, 3d. Married Jan. 1, 1884, Amanda M., daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth J. (Dunlap) McDougall, born in Goffstown, Nov. 14, 1856.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Margie Isabelle, b. June 20, 1887.
2. Daisy Miriam, b. April 24, 1892.
3. Gladys Adaline, b. Sept. 19, 1895.

Edgar S. Burns, born in Salmon Falls, Oct. 14, 1852, son of Eli S. and Hannah J. (Gordon) Burns, resided on old homestead until 1889, when he removed to Amherst. Married Jan. 1, 1885, Jennie M. Burt of Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mabel Lillian, b. April 7, 1886.
2. Homer Gordon, b. Dec. 25, 1887.

Herbert G. Burns, born in Milford, July 23, 1861, son of Eli S. and Hannah J. (Gordon) Burns, is a farmer, residing on farm settled upon by his great-grandfather, Dea. Daniel Burns. Married April 22, 1884, Angelia E., daughter of Albert and Caroline (Savage) Burt, born in Greenfield, April 21, 1863.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Olive Caroline, b. April 24, 1885.
2. Lucian, b. Feb. 11, 1888.
3. —, b. Nov. 9, 1889; d. Dec. 13, 1889.
4. Helen Annabelle, b. April 30, 1891.
5. Harlan E., b. March 2, 1895.

George F. Burns, born Aug. 8, 1855, in Francestown, son of Isaac Jasper and Hannah W. (Dunklee) Burns, is a farmer; lives near the village on road to Wilton, owning land formerly part of Rev. Humphrey Moore's farm. Married

Feb. 21, 1879, Mabel E., daughter of Abiel A. and Mary J. (Osgood) Lovejoy, born in Milford, May 19, 1858, and died Dec. 19, 1888; married (2) Dec. 16, 1890, Abbie J., widow of Henry A. Barker, and a sister of the first wife, born in Milford, March 5, 1849.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Ethel Imogene, b. in Manchester, July 25, 1880.
2. Edith Mabel, b. in Milford, Aug. 29, 1883.
3. Edna, b. in Milford, July 9, 1887.

Elmer B. Burns, born in Milford, Oct. 18, 1865, son of Jason T. and Eliza A. (Hutchinson) Burns, is in the wood and lumber business with his father. Married Oct. 18, 1889, Bessie G., daughter of Charles G. and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Hatch, born in Milford, Feb. 15, 1869.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Theresa Vida, b. July 31, 1890.
2. Marion Lilla, b. April 26, 1892.
3. Esther Blanchard, b. Aug. 23, 1894, and d. July 24, 1895.
4. Bryant Hutchinson, b. July 18, 1896.
5. Dorothy Eliza, b. Oct. 21, 1897.
6. Robert Jason, b. Dec. 29, 1899.

#### BURT.

Joseph Burt, born in Andover, Mass., Oct. 18, 1788, son of Joseph and Mary (Carlton) Burt, was a carpenter: came to Milford from Andover in 1812; and removed to Temple in 1817. Married (1) March 7, 1813, Lucy Abbot, born in Andover, Oct. 31, 1794, and died in Temple, Dec. 30, 1820; married (2) March 10, 1822, Roxalana, daughter of Amos and Abigail (Keyes) Lawrence, born in Colchester, Vt., Nov. 14, 1801, and died in Milford, May 22, 1873. He died in Wilton, March 28, 1872.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Joseph, Jr., b. in Milford, July 22, 1814; m. May 26, 1838, Cynthia — of Langdon; was a carpenter, res. in Charlestown, and d. there Aug. 9, 1889.
2. Lucy Abbot, born in Milford, Sept. 1, 1816; m. Nov. 22, 1837, Horace Sheldon of Temple; res. there, and d. March 6, 1897.

3. Elizabeth Frances, b. in Temple, Oct. 23, 1818; m. June 10, 1836, Josiah Bigelow of Waltham, Mass.; res. there, and d. Aug. 25, 1842.
4. Charles B., b. in Temple, Dec. 22, 1822; was a blacksmith, res. in Wilton, where he d. Oct. 21, 1881; m. Feb. 23, 1845, Experience H. Higgins of Boston, Mass.
5. Friend C., b. in Temple, April 22, 1824; m. June 1, 1847, Emily Saunders of Mason. He was a tinsmith, and res. in Fitchburg, Mass., where he d. Jan. 31, 1899.
6. William Wallace, b. in Temple, July 3, 1826; was a tinsmith, res. in San Francisco, Cal., and d. there, Nov. 17, 1872; unm.
7. Edwin R., b. in Temple, Oct. 10, 1828; m. May 4, 1848, Rachel H. Perham of Wilton. He was a carpenter, res. in Amherst, where he d. Feb. 13, 1884.
8. Electa A. K., b. in Temple, Feb. 26, 1830; m. Dec. 7, 1852, John H. Cooper of Manchester, where she d. Dec. 16, 1856.
9. Mary Jane, b. in Temple, Nov. 24, 1839; m. April 11, 1867, Henry, son of Thomas C. and Phebe Wardwell Mason of Wilton, and res. in Milford.

Ben Burt, born in Andover, Mass., Jan. 15, 1794, son of Joseph and Mary (Carlton) Burt, was a farmer and carpenter residing on place now owned by Mrs. Kent, on the old road to Brookline, where he lived from 1815 to 1853, when he removed to the village on a place formerly owned by Abiel Gutterson, now occupied by his son, William J. D. Burt, where he died Dec. 25, 1855. Married March 3, 1816, Susan, daughter of William and Susanna (Hood) Bacon, born in Milford, Sept. 3, 1798, and died in Milford Jan. 18, 1871.

## CHILDREN.

1. †William J. D., b. in Milford, June 17, 1816.
2. Francis S., b. in Milford, Feb. 21, 1819, and died in Milford, Oct. 18, 1825.

William J. D. Burt, born in Milford, June 17, 1816, son of Ben and Susan (Bacon) Burt, is a farmer and carpenter; resided a few years in Amherst. He returned to Milford in 1871, and now resides on place last owned by his parents. Married Nov. 26, 1840, Laura, daughter of Daniel and Sally (Holt) Cram, born in Lyndeborough, Jan. 6, 1824, died in Milford, Oct. 25, 1891.

## CHILDREN.

1. George W., b. in Brookline, Oct. 4, 1841; went to the Western states many years since.



2. Susan Ann, b. in Milford, Sept. 26, 1845; d. in Milford, Sept. 16, 1847.
3. Sarah L., b. in Milford, Feb. 12, 1853; d. in Milford, Aug. 5, 1854.
4. Fred D., b. in Milford, June 1, 1856; is a paper-maker; res. in Holyoke, Mass.; m. Sept. 20, 1877, Julia C., dau. of George W. and Eliza S. (Hildreth) Daniels of Wilton.

John A. Burt, born in Dracut, Mass., July, 1829. Left an orphan in childhood, he found a home with his uncle, Ben Burt, later learning the trade of tinsmith, residing in Nashua several years. Removing to Milford in 1859 he lived on place now owned by his son, John B. Burt. Married May 12, 1856. Harriet M., daughter of John B. and Recta (Wright) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 21, 1833. He died Oct. 13, 1885.

#### CHILDREN.

1. †John Bryant, b. in Nashua, Dec. 4, 1857.
2. Jennie M., b. in Milford, Sept. 12, 1860; m. Jan. 1, 1885, Edgar S. Burns, son of Eli S. and Hannah J. (Gordon) Burns; res. in Amherst.
3. Bertha J., b. May 14, 1863; m. May 4, 1886, John E. Union of Milford, who d. Nov. 21, 1891.
4. Mabel E., b. March 6, 1872, and d. Aug. 13, 1885.
5. Lizzie G., b. June 8, 1875; m. June 30, 1897, Albert H. Caldwell of Amherst, where they reside.

John B. Burt, born in Nashua, Dec. 4, 1857, son of John A. and Harriet M. (Hutchinson) Burt. He is a farmer living on place formerly owned by his grandfather, John B. Hutchinson. Married Feb. 13, 1889, Eva S., daughter of James H. and Emma T. (Moore) Hutchinson, born in Wilton, March 8, 1865.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Bryant, b. Aug. 10, 1891.
2. Elgin Fessenden, b. Jan. 1, 1895.
3. Harriet, b. Aug. 15, 1896.

#### BURTON.

George W. Burton, born in Manchester, Jan. 28, 1869, son of John and Elizabeth (Shufelt) Burton, is a farmer, residing on place a little north of former residence of Amos Peabody. in western part of the town. Married Sept. 20, 1893, Julia M., daughter of Peter and Sophia Real, born in Pittsfield, March 16, 1877. They came here in 1897 from Mont Vernon.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Maud Florence Claude, b. in Milford, Jan. 6, 1898.

## BUTTRICK.

Daniel T. Buttrick, b. in Londonderry, Nov. 15, 1831, son of Nathan and Catherine (Witherspoon) Buttrick, came here from Nashua in 1859, engaging in the wood and lumber business, and has since added farming. He is a busy and successful citizen. Married Jan. 26, 1859, Sarah J., daughter of Elbridge and Sarah W. (Bonney) Hall, born in Nashua, Oct. 3, 1833.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Helen Louise, b. Feb. 19, 1860; d. in Berlin, Ger., March 13, 1889.
2. Mabel Augusta, b. Jan. 13, 1864; m. Oct. 13, 1891, Frank H. Stan-  
yan, of Milford; res. in Boston, Mass.
3. A son, b. Dec. 13, 1866; d. March 7, 1867.
4. Kate Thorndyke, b. Oct. 21, 1875; m. Oct. 21, 1896, Herbert F.  
Keeler, of Brandon, Vt.; res. in Malden, Mass.

## BUXTON.

Jonathan Buxton, born in Portsmouth in 1757, died July 28, 1820, came to Milford when a young man; was a blacksmith occupying the place now used by J. Myron Stickney. Married about 1785 Mary Taylor, born in 1754, and died Sept. 30, 1834. After the death of his father, Benjamin Buxton, his mother, Abigail (Burton) Buxton, became a resident in his home, where she died Feb. 11, 1830, aged 95 years.

## CHILD.

1. †Jonathan, Jr., b. in Milford, March 18, 1787.

Jonathan Buxton, Jr., born in Milford, March 18, 1787, and died there Sept. 16, 1845, was a hotel keeper, owning the place now known as Howison House. Was town clerk nineteen successive years. Married March, 1808, Achacy, daughter of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 6, 1790, and died Oct. 20, 1852.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 16, 1808; m. Oct. 2, 1828, Porter Dunklee of  
Milford; res. in Milford and in Amherst; she died in Milford  
Sept. 6, 1887.
2. Annette M., b. July 16, 1810; m. Nov. 27, 1834, Luther Pearson  
of Milford, and resides there.

3. Achacy, b. July 22, 1813; m. Feb. 28, 1832, Robert Burns Wallace; res. in Milford and Amherst, and d. in Amherst Jan. 2, 1850.
4. George, b. Sept. 21, 1815; was a painter; res. in San Francisco, Cal., where he d. Oct. 23, 1878; m. March 9, 1840, Nancy E., dau. of Andrew and Nancy (Averill) Bradford of Chester, Vt.; she was a great-granddaughter of Capt. Andrew Bradford, one of the earliest settlers in Milford.
5. Caroline, b. Oct 20, 1817; m. Nov. 10, 1835, Ferdinand O. Cutter of Brookline; res. in Munsonville and d. in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 29, 1893.
6. William, b. Oct. 1, 1819; is a grocer; res. in Boston, Mass.; m. March 14, 1843, Mary J., dau. of Andrew and Sarah Lucas of Boston, Mass.
7. Jonathan, Jr., b. Aug. 4, 1821; d. in Milford, March 25, 1845; unm.
8. Rhoda H., b. June 24, 1823; m. April 28, 1841, Charles H., son of William and Hannah F. (Hayward) Parker of Fracestown; res. in Milford.
9. Charles, b. Oct. 11, 1825; m. Sarah, dau. of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Holt) Mills of Milford, where he d. Nov. 6, 1848.
10. †James W., b. July 25, 1828.
11. Henry Clay, b. June 17, 1830; d. Feb. 19, 1831.
12. Henry Clay, b. Nov. 29, 1832; is a hotel clerk; res. in Milford; unm.

James W. Buxton, born in Milford, July 25, 1828, was an iron moulder, removed to Nashua in 1851, thence to Worcester, Mass., in 1860, where he died May 17, 1874; married (1) June 1, 1850, Mary H., daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Henchman) George, born in Amherst, July 1, 1827, and died in Worcester, Mass., July 11, 1864; (2) Nov. 24, 1866, Sarah M., daughter of Robert and Mary R. (Walkup) Follet of Nashua. She was born in Winchendon, Mass., March 5, 1828, and now resides in Worcester, Mass.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary Georgianna, b. in Milford, Aug. 20, 1850; m. Feb. 15, 1870, George L., son of Lewis and Julia A. (Wood) Allen; they res. in Worcester, Mass.
2. Frank Willis, b. in Milford, Jan. 7, 1853, is a captain in the fire department of Worcester, Mass.; m. Aug 21, 1879, Estella V., dau. of Alfred and Lydia A. (Haynes) Thomas.

#### CAME.

George W. Came, born in Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 19, 1808, son of George W. and Sally (Warner) Came, came to

Milford when twelve years of age, residing here the remainder of his life, dying Nov. 3, 1882. He was a cooper and farmer, was selectman two years, and representative in general court two years. Married Aug. 23, 1831, Hannah E., daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Stevens) Knowlton, born in Milford, June 3, 1807, and died June 5, 1885.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah E., b. May 3, 1833; m. Sept. 9, 1850, Samuel L. Palmer of San Francisco, Cal., and d. there Oct. 13, 1879.
2. Adaline L., b. June 8, 1837, and d. Oct. 6, 1853.
3. Edward George, b. Mar. 21, 1851; res. in Somerville, Mass.; is foreman in a billiard table manufactory; m. Oct. 1, 1872, Lydia A. Batchelder of Concord.

## CARLTON.

Albert E. Carlton, born in Smithfield, R. I., Apr. 27, 1831, son of Caleb and Sarah (White) Carlton, came to Milford from Pelham in 1870; resided on the place formerly owned by Tyler Towne, near the north schoolhouse; is a quarryman. Married (1) June 6, 1861, Mary J., daughter of John and Ann (Fox) Carr, born in England, September 26, 1840; (2) Apr. 29, 1896, Lelia L., widow of Arthur E. Chase, and daughter of Samuel N. and Clarissa A. (Wilson) Barrett, born in Mason, May 26, 1863.

## CHILDREN.

1. Clarence C., b. in Pelham, Mar. 13, 1862, and d. there May 6, 1868.
2. Chester V., b. in Pelham, Mar. 31, 1866; is a civil engineer; m. Sept. 18, 1895, Caroline E., dau. of Alvah and Laura (Plympton) Conant of Bath; they res. in Milford.
3. Mary Elsie, b. in Pelham, Jan. 7, 1869; m. June 15, 1890, William, son of Benjamin and Margaret (Gerhard) Bell of Lowell, and res. there.

Isaac H. Carlton, born in Merrimack, Jan. 20, 1842, son of Isaac and Mary A. (Richards) Carlton. Came here from Montpelier, Vt., in 1872, is a marble worker, doing a good business. Married Aug. 27, 1884, Mary A., daughter of Thomas M. and Charlotte E. (Hutchinson) King, born in Merrimack, Sept. 23, 1851. No children.

## CARR.

William L. Carr, born in Hillsborough, Apr. 12, 1868, son of Edwin L. and Eliza S. (Randall) Carr, came here from Hillsborough Bridge in 1888; is agent of the American Express Co. Married Apr. 10, 1890, Laura F., daughter of Albert L. and Sarah A. (Norcross) Howard, born in Milford, Dec. 12, 1866.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Howard F., b. Jan. 9, 1892.
2. Edwin Thomas, b. Oct. 19, 1893.

## CAULFIELD.

Dennis Caulfield, born in Ireland, June, 1842, came here from Jamaica Plain, Mass., in 1887; is a morocco dresser. Married June 10, 1870, Mary F. Dunlea, born in Ireland in 1842.

## CHILDREN.

1. Margaret Mary, b. in Roxbury, Mass., Mar. 28, 1871; m. June 15, 1892, Eugene A. Dutton of Milford, and res. there.
2. Catherine M. A., b. in Malden, Mass., Nov. 23, 1872; res. in Leominster, Mass.
3. John Joseph, b. in Malden, Mass., Sept. 4, 1874; res. in Boston, Mass.
4. James Augustine, b. in Malden, Mass., Aug. 6, 1877; res. in Boston, Mass.
5. Ellen Veronica, b. in Jamaica Plain, Mass., July 31, 1879.
6. Thomas Francis, b. in Jamaica Plain, Mass., Sept. 24, 1881.
7. Mary Jane, b. in Jamaica Plain, Mass., Mar. 15, 1885.

## CENTER.

George M. Center, born in Greenfield, Dec. 25, 1825, son of Richard and Catherine (Smith) Center, came here from Hollis in 1861; is a farmer; married Jan. 1, 1846, Mary A., daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Davis) Willoby, born in Hollis, Jan. 19, 1825.

## CHILDREN.

1. Georgia Eudora, b. in Nashua, Feb. 25, 1847; m. Oct. 8, 1863, Everett Stickney; res. in Milford.
2. Hannah Josephine, b. in Merrimack, July 6, 1849; d. Sept. 16, 1851.
3. Hannah Josephine, b. in Milford, Feb. 2, 1869; is a teacher.
4. Gracie Gertrude, b. in Milford, Apr. 6, 1871; d. Oct. 27, 1873.



## CHASE.

Leonard Chase, born in Millbury, Mass., Aug. 7, 1811; son of Jonas and Lavinia (Bayden) Chase, came here from Millbury in 1835; was a manufacturer and merchant, and died here June 7, 1868; married (1) Apr. 15, 1834, Mary Isabelle, daughter of Adam and Mary (Gordon) Dickey, born in Milford, Sept. 10, 1814, and died Dec. 16, 1843; (2) March 21, 1844, Susannah Williams, widow of Dr. Richard Williams, and daughter of Noah and — (Shipley) Shattuck, born in Groton, Mass., May 3, 1807, and died Apr. 10, 1869.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Esabelle, b. in Millbury, Mass., Mar. 30, 1835; m. May 17, 1865, Elbridge Wason of New Boston; res. in Brookline, Mass.
2. Hannah Lavina, b. in Milford, Jan. 29, 1837; res. in Milford; unm.
3. Cornelia Elizabeth, b. in Milford, May 19, 1839; m. Sept. 4, 1867, Charles B. Tuttle; res. in Milford, and d. Dec. 25, 1893.
4. Frances Elvira, b. in Milford, July 4, 1841, and d. Nov. 19, 1843.
5. Frank W., b. in Milford, Dec. 8, 1844; m. June 18, 1877, Catherine Tuttle; is a farmer; res. in Amherst.

Abel Chase, born in Millbury, Mass., June 11, 1815, a brother of Leonard, came here in 1836 from Millbury, Mass.; was a farmer residing on the farm formerly owned by Adam Dickey, the house standing where H. H. Barber now resides. He was a selectman four years and representative two years. Married June 9, 1842, Hannah, daughter of Adam and Mary (Gordon) Dickey, born in Milford, July 10, 1817, and died Sept. 18, 1890. He died Feb. 18, 1884. No children.

Jonathan Chase, born in Millbury, Mass., in 1807, and a brother of Leonard, came to Milford in 1840; was a teamster, and died here June 7, 1851; married May 18, 1832, Diana Ambler, who died in Milford, Oct. 28, 1854.

## CHILDREN.

1. Jonas, b. in Millbury, Mass., June 3, 1835, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864.
2. †Ira, b. Millbury, Mass., Sept. 11, 1837.
3. Hannah Bond, b. in Millbury, Mass., Nov. 18, 1839; m. Oct. 2, 1861, Robert A. Clark; res. in Milford.

4. Matilda Putnam, b. in Milford, Nov. 24, 1841; m. Feb. 22, 1870, Zachariah Shattuck; res. in Nashua.
5. Mary Isabel, b. in Milford, Mar. 21, 1844, and d. Mar. 25, 1851.
6. Henry Abel, b. in Milford, Oct. 20, 1846; m. Aug. 20, 1874, Emelie, dau. of Stephen and Jane R. Nichols of Winchester, Mass.; is a farmer, and res. in Nashua.

Alvin B. Chase. b. in Millbury, Mass., Sept. 26, 1822, a brother of Leonard, came here from Millbury, Mass, in 1850; was a clerk in a store until his enlistment in the army for the war of 1861 to 1865, and died in the service Aug. 24, 1863. Married Oct. 18, 1855, Deborah J., daughter of Daniel and Deborah (Battles) Kendall, born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 3, 1823, died in Jaffrey, Mar. 25, 1891.

#### CHILD.

1. Jennie S., b. in Milford, May 26, 1857; m. June 28, 1882, Will L., son of Dana S. and Ada M. (Wilbur) Jaquith of Jaffrey, and res. there.

Ira Chase, born in Millbury, Mass., Sept. 11, 1837, son of Jonathan and Diana (Ambler) Chase. Came to Milford with his father, at the age of three years, and afterwards resided a few years in Woburn, Mass., returning to Milford in 1868. Is a mechanic. Married Oct. 5, 1862, Hattie M., daughter of James and Eliza M. (Dickey) Alexander, born in Mont Vernon, April 2, 1842.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Hattie Derlena, b. in Woburn, Mass., May 5, 1866; m. Feb. 4, 1890, David L. Daniels of Milford, and res. there.
2. Willie Ira, b. in Milford May 26, 1869; is a clerk, and res. in Boston, Mass.

#### CHENEY.

William Cheney, born in Lyndon, Vt., March 6, 1822, son of John and Elizabeth (Newton) Cheney. Resided many years in Brighton, Vt., where he carried on a mercantile business, and served the town as clerk, selectman, and collector of taxes. Came here from Amherst in 1891; resided on a small farm south of the village, on the Brookline road. Married (1) October, 1844, Sarah, daughter of Clark and Sally (Hall) Morse, born in Brighton, Vt., and died there July 8, 1858;

(2) Oct. 6, 1860, Caroline M., daughter of John and Eliza (Warner) Cole, born in Huntingville, Canada, Aug. 14, 1830.

## CHILDREN.

1. William Wallace, b. in Newark, Vt., Feb. 20, 1847; is a barber; res. in Brighton, Vt.; m. Almira Dyer of Andover, Vt.
2. Lewis Hiram, b. in Newark, Vt., May 30, 1848; is a carpenter; m. Alma Currier of Brighton, Vt., and res. in Lowell, Mass.
3. Susan Josephine, b. in Newark, Vt., Sept. 19, 1849; m. Joseph Morse of Montpelier, Vt., and res. there.
4. Celia Amanda, b. in Brighton, Vt., May 6, 1855, and d. there May 21, 1883. She was a musician.

## CHEYNE.

Alexander W. Cheyne, born in Peterhead, Scotland, Sept. 18, 1845, son of James and Margaret (Beaton) Cheyne. Is a stone-cutter, coming to Milford from Mason in 1888. Married July 2, 1869, Elizabeth I., daughter of James and Margaret (Davidson) Anderson, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, Nov. 14, 1845.

## CHILDREN.

1. Margaret Davidson, b. in Peterhead, Scotland, Aug. 9, 1870; m. Oct. 24, 1893, John A., son of Reuben H. and Amelia (Pearsons) Jaquith of Warner, and res. in East Andover.
2. † James, b. in Peterhead, Scotland, Jan. 9, 1872.
3. Robert, b. in Thomaston, Me., March 11, 1874, and d. there May 1, 1876.
4. John Anderson, b. in Thomaston, Me., Sept. 22, 1875, and d. there Jan. 14, 1876.
5. George Livingston, b. in Thomaston, Me., Dec. 7, 1876; is a stone-cutter, res. in Milford.
6. William Alexander, b. in Thomaston, Me., Sept. 21, 1878; is a printer, res. in Milford.
7. Elizabeth, b. in Quincy, Mass., May 1, 1881.
8. Charles Fraser, b. in Mason, Aug. 31, 1883.
9. Jennie Anderson, b. in Mason, Feb. 12, 1887.

James Cheyne, born in Peterhead, Scotland, Jan. 9, 1872, son of Alexander W. and Elizabeth I. (Anderson) Cheyne. Came with the family from Mason to Milford in 1888. Is a stone-cutter. Married Sept. 22, 1896, Edith W., daughter of William W. and Mary O. (Clapp) Hemenway, born in Natick, Mass., June 20, 1872.

## CHILDREN.

1. Robert Hale, b. in Milford, June 30, 1897.
2. Murray Anderson, b. in Milford, Sept. 11, 1899, and d. Nov. 15, 1899.

## CHICKERING.

Charles Chickering, born in 1808, and died in Milford, June 10, 1857. Was a laborer. Married Nov. 25, 1840, Sophia E., daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Smith) Douglass, born in Chelsea, Vt., in 1823, and died Feb. 6, 1893.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Pedro, b. Sept. 22, 1841; is an engineer, res. in Milford; unm.
2. Frank, b. April 20, 1843; is a dealer in lumber, res. in Michigan; m. August, 1867, Sarah Richards of Philipsburg, Pa.
3. George N., b. Dec. 17, 1845; d. Jan. 31, 1862.
4. Lusina, b. July 5, 1848; m. July 27, 1875, Edward Reed of Marshfield, Mass.; res. in Chicago, Ill.
5. Dora E., b. May 6, 1850; m. 1873, J. O. Pearson of Boston, Mass.; res. in Chicago, Ill.
6. A daughter, b. Feb. 14, 1852, and d. Feb. 28, 1852.
7. Ella, b. Feb. 28, 1853, and d. Oct. 14, 1853.
8. † Jesse O., b. March 10, 1856.

Jesse O. Chickering, born in Milford, March 10, 1856. Is a teamster. Married June 21, 1894, Rose A., daughter of Levi H. and Lucy A. (Emery) Putnam, born in Lyndeborough, Jan. 13, 1873.

## CHILD.

1. George P., b. in Milford, Jan. 2, 1896.

## CLARK.

Richard Clark, born in Tewksbury, Mass., Aug. 19, 1763. He came to Hollis when a boy, living with Mr. Ober. Married May 3, 1786, Elizabeth Kidder, and resided on a farm near Hollis, on the road from Milford to Hollis, over Federal hill, now owned by his grandson, R. Alonzo Clark. His wife died in November, 1816. He married a second time, and the second wife died Feb. 28, 1826. He died in March, 1835, leaving his third wife a widow with one son, Rhodolphus, who died in the army during the war of 1861, unmarried.

## CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey, b. 1787; m. Uriah, son of Uriah and Eunice (Jewett) Wright, b. in Hollis, June 3, 1781. In their old age they went West to reside with their children, and died there.
2. Sarah, b. 1789; m. Benjamin Godsoe of Boston, Mass., and d. there Oct. 19, 1843.
3. Susan, b. 1791; m. Alfred Carter of Wilmington, Mass., and d. there March 12, 1826.
4. Sophia, b. 1793; m. Benjamin Farley of Hollis, in November, 1816, and d. in a few weeks.
5. Daniel, b. 1795, and d. in 1818, unm.
6. Abigail, b. July 1, 1797; m. Jan. 26, 1819, Nathan Buck, Jr., of Wilmington, Mass., and d. there June 22, 1843.
7. † Joseph, b. Feb. 4, 1800.
8. Benjamin, b. Feb. 4, 1800; m. in 1830, Almira, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Winship) Hall of Charlestown, Mass. He was a carpenter, res. in Cambridge, Mass.; d. in Watertown, Mass., Oct. 30, 1878.
9. Naomi, b. 1802; m. Dec. 18, 1830, James Buck, a brother of Nathan, Jr.; res. in Wilmington, Mass., and d. there Nov. 18, 1845.
10. † Rufus, b. Feb. 2, 1806.
11. Mary, b. May 12, 1808; m. Harvey Snow of Lowell, Mass., and d. there September, 1843.

Joseph Clark, born in Milford, Feb. 4, 1800, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Kidder) Clark, was a farmer and cooper, and a lifelong resident of the Federal Hill school district. He died July 6, 1886. Married Oct. 31, 1825, Maria B., daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Stevens) Knowlton, born in Amherst, April 1, 1806, and died Oct. 6, 1892.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elizabeth Maria, b. Oct. 23, 1826; m. March 26, 1850, William P. Colburn; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 28, 1897.
2. Daniel, b. July 8, 1828, is a packer, res. in Boston, Mass.; m. June 12, 1853, Caroline Fletcher of Roxbury, Mass.
3. Charles Addison, b. April 17, 1830, is a jobber and res. in Boston, Mass.; m. July 22, 1851, Mary M. Desmond of Roxbury, Mass.
4. Frederic W., b. Aug. 23, 1832, is a shoe finisher, res. in South Weymouth, Mass.; m. (1) May 15, 1856, Lorette H. Blodgett of Milford, who d. July 2, 1866; (2) Sept. 15, 1867, Mary G. Morton of Plymouth, Mass., who d. in South Weymouth, Mass., March 2, 1887.



5. Harriet Ann, b. Sept. 23, 1834; m. (1) May 15, 1856, Joseph Howard of Temple, res. in Nashua, where he d. Oct. 27, 1859; (2) April 26, 1865, Charles W. Swain of Wilmington, Mass., and he d. there Sept. 20, 1895.
6. Alma Jane, b. April 9, 1837; m. Nov. 27, 1861, Orlando Lawrence of Nashua; res. in Lawrence, Mass.
7. Benjamin Franklin, b. Nov. 30, 1839, enlisted in the 16th Regt., N. H. Vols., in the war of 1861-'65, and d. in Baton Rouge, La., July 22, 1863.
8. John Haskell, b. Feb. 23, 1842, is an expressman, res. in Boston, Mass.; m. Nov. 20, 1870, Anna B. Shipley of Nashua.
9. Mary Snow, b. May 16, 1844; m. Nov. 27, 1891, Horace Dean of Lawrence, Mass., and res. there.
10. Abbie Frances, b. May 31, 1847; m. Feb. 16, 1870, George W. Kane of Lawrence, and res. there.
11. † Edward Henry, b. March 10, 1851.

Rufus Clark, born in Milford, Feb. 2, 1806, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Kidder) Clark, was a farmer, residing on the place settled upon by his father until 1859, when he removed to the farm north of the schoolhouse, formerly owned by Edward Foster, and now owned by his son, George E. Clark, where he died Jan. 10, 1892. Married June 23, 1831, Frances Almira, daughter of Benjamin, Jr., and Betsey (Tay) Conant, born in Milford, June 26, 1813, and died Sept. 17, 1880.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Rufus Alonzo, b. May 12, 1832.
2. George Erastus, b. Dec. 18, 1840, is a farmer, also does an extensive probate business; m. Jan. 6, 1880, Ermina E., dau. of Horace and Fanny E. (Patterson) Holt of Milford.
3. William Henry, b. June 7, 1842, and d. June 9, 1842.

Edward H. Clark, born in Milford, March 10, 1851, is a farmer, residing on the farm once owned by Joshua Burns, and purchased by his father in 1835, making it his home the remainder of his life. Married Feb. 27, 1879, Marrietta P., daughter of Charles A. and Mary F. (Patterson) Lawrence, born in Nashua, June 25, 1853.

#### CHILD.

1. Lester Lawrence, b. in Lawrence, Mass., March 7, 1880, and d. in Milford, Nov. 25, 1880.

Rufus Alonzo Clark, born in Milford, May 12, 1832, is a farmer, residing on a farm near Hollis line, where his father

and grandfather formerly lived. Married Jan. 20, 1859, Julia A., daughter of Thomas W. and Julia A. (Peacock) Hayden, born in Amherst, Sept. 1, 1838, and died in Milford, May 26, 1889.

## CHILD.

1. Ida Frances, b. in Milford, May 14, 1868; m. July 16, 1898, Charles E., son of Edward T. and Josephine M. (Blood) Adams of Milford, and res. with her father.

Peter Clark, born in Merrimack, Aug. 16, 1779, son of Hugh and Lydia (Gardner) Clark, was a farmer, coming here from Amherst in 1812, residing on a place on the west side off from the highway leading from Milford to Hollis and near Hollis line, now deserted. Married Aug. 27, 1803, Lucy, daughter of Timothy and Lucy (Butterfield) Clark, born in Amherst, Feb. 23, 1781. He died Sept. 27, 1842. She died Dec. 24, 1859.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lucy, b. in Amherst, Nov. 13, 1803; d. April 2, 1806.
2. † Peter, b. in Amherst, July 12, 1805.
3. Charles, b. July 19, 1807; m. July 3, 1838, Betsey J. P. Goodwin of Milford; d. in Wilton, Aug. 13, 1882.
4. † Jacob, b. in Amherst, July 1, 1809.
5. Lucy, b. in Amherst, May 6, 1811; m. July 7, 1835, Thomas J. Clark; res. in Amherst, and d. there Sept. 11, 1895.
6. Eli, b. in Milford, March 27, 1813; d. April 15, 1829.
7. † Gardner, b. in Milford, Sept. 3, 1815.
8. Sarah, b. in Milford, Aug. 11, 1817, and d. Oct. 2, 1841.
9. † Leonard Hartwell, b. April 9, 1819.
10. Mary, b. Sept. 6, 1820; d. in Wilton, Sept. 1, 1895, unm.

Peter Clark, Jr., born in Amherst, July 12, 1805, son of Peter and Lucy Clark, came to Milford with his father in 1812. He was a farmer, residing in opposite sections of the town, and engaged in lumbering several winters, dying at his residence in the village July 21, 1888. Married (1) April 21, 1831, Nancy, daughter of Asa and Ruth (Butterfield) Goodell, born in Wilton, Me., April 29, 1805, and died in Milford, Feb. 27, 1877; (2) May 23, 1878, Caroline A., widow of Joseph W. Bright of Pelham, and daughter of William and Mehitabel (Conant) Marvel, born in Mont Vernon, Sept. 21, 1817, and died in Milford, Sept. 3, 1882.

## CHILD.

1. Nancy Jane, b. in Milford, June 17, 1835; m. Sept. 3, 1857, Walker R. Fitch; res. in Milford.

Jacob Clark, b. in Amherst, July 1, 1809, son of Peter and Lucy Clark, came to Milford when a boy with his father; was a farmer, residing here, also in Brookline and in Amherst, where he died June 8, 1891. Married March 17, 1846, Esther, daughter of Hiram and Betsey Greeley, born in Weston, Vt., June 24, 1818, and died in Brookline, May 23, 1874.

## CHILD.

1. Sarah Maria, b. in Milford, Jan. 16, 1848; unm.

Gardner Clark, born in Milford, Sept. 3, 1815, son of Peter and Lucy Clark, was a farmer, residing here and in Nashua, where he died Nov. 15, 1892. Married (1) March 11, 1851, Elvira, daughter of Hiram and Betsey Greeley, born in Weston, Vt., Oct. 21, 1821, died in Nashua, Sept. 7, 1856; (2) April 12, 1859, Charlotte L., widow of Sardis Hutchinson of Wilton, and daughter of Moses and Laura (Chapman) Leonard, born in Glover, Vt., April 23, 1835. Resides in Nashua.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Gardner, b. in Nashua, June 8, 1860, is a mechanic, res. in Townsend, Mass.; m. Nov. 4, 1880, Emma A., dau. of J. Raymond and Catherine A. (Burge) Pierce of Brookline.
2. Laura Arabella, b. in Milford, May 24, 1863; m. Oct. 28, 1886, Willis D. Sargent of Milford, and d. July 16, 1887.
3. Mattie Anna, b. in Milford, May 25, 1867; m. May 25, 1888, Charles H. Sargent of Milford. They res. in California.

Leonard H. Clark, born in Milford, April 9, 1819, son of Peter and Lucy Clark, was a farmer, residing on the homestead until after the death of his mother. Removed to Brookline, where he died Jan. 14, 1883. Married Dec. 15, 1846, Ceba Holton, daughter of David and Jemima (Robbins) Dow, born in Weare, Feb. 6, 1822; died in Concord, March 6, 1894.

## CHILD.

1. Franklin Pierce, b. in Milford, June 9, 1857; m. June 29, 1889, Mary E., dau. of Solomon and Ruthey (Duncklee) Jones of Henniker. They res. in Concord.

Benjamin Clark, b. in Tewksbury, Mass., March 20, 1810. He was a nephew of Richard, who settled in Milford in 1786. Was a farmer, coming to Milford in 1833, and resided on a farm with Ezekiel Ames. Removed to Roxbury, Mass., in 1850, thence to Upton, where he died May 27, 1870. Married (1) Oct. 2, 1832, Betsey Adaline, daughter of Ezekiel and Sally (Clark) Ames, born in Milford, Oct. 24, 1812, and died in Roxbury, Mass., May, 1853; (2) Tryphena Emerson, born Dec. 25, 1853. She was a widow, daughter of ——— Pierce, born in Holliston, Mass., June 1, 1819, and died in Upton, Mass., Oct. 31, 1884.

## CHILDREN.

1. Benjamin Orlando, b. in Milford, Sept. 1, 1833: was a farmer, res. on the Ames homestead, where he d. Sept. 8, 1872; m. Oct. 28, 1855, Matilda C., dau. of John and Jerusha (Brown) Ham of Roxbury, Mass.
2. Miron Calvert, b. in Milford, Sept. 29, 1835; is a teamster, res. in Roxbury, Mass., unm.
3. Ozro Ezekiel, b. in Milford Jan. 7, 1842; was a teamster, res. in Milford, Mass., where he d. Jan. 30, 1884; m. Sept. 22, 1864, Carrie, dau. of Amos and Elvira (Gould) Howard of Milford, Mass.

Robert A. Clark, born in Unity, Sept. 23, 1840, son of Robert and Judith (Sleeper) Clark. Is a butcher. Has resided in Milford since 1856. Married Oct. 2, 1861, Hannah B., daughter of Jonathan and Diana (Ambler) Chase, born in Millbury, Mass., Nov. 18, 1839.

## CHILDREN.

1. Anna Sophia, b. in Milford, Jan. 16, 1862; m. May 28, 1890, Harry A. Melendy of Wilton; res. in Milford.
2. Charlie Robert, b. in Weare, May 18, 1864; d. in Milford, Feb. 25, 1870.
3. Nellie Matilda, b. in Milford, May 1, 1869; d. Feb. 13, 1870.
4. Freddie Henry, b. in Milford, May 18, 1873; has an express and job team; res. with his father; unm.

Emri Clark, born in Whittingham, Vt., Dec. 19, 1809, son of William and Lucy (Tarbell) Clark. Came to Milford in 1864 from Heath, Mass. Was a farmer, residing on a place near the North schoolhouse, and also near the residence of B.

F. Hutchinson, on the Wilton road, where he died March 2, 1888. Married Oct. 24, 1834, Sally D., daughter of Benjamin and Azubah (Tarbell) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 2, 1805, and died Oct. 30, 1875.

## CHILD.

1. Miranda Frances, b. in Heath, Mass., Sept. 27, 1835; res. in Milford, unm.

Elmer C. Clark, born in Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 3, 1869, son of Preston and Sarah (Webber) Clark. Came to Milford from Peterborough in 1890. Is a stable keeper. Married Oct. 19, 1889, Lura E., daughter of Phineas B. and Mary J. (Needham) Hood, born in Milford, March 22, 1870.

## CHILDREN.

1. Forrest Elmer, b. in Milford, Jan. 12, 1892.
2. Marion Ethylene, b. in Milford, June 5, 1894.

## CLEAVES.

William L. Cleaves, born in Mont Vernon, April 11, 1821, son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Lincoln) Cleaves. Was a farmer, and died in Mont Vernon, Sept. 26, 1860. Married Dec. 8, 1859, Harriet L., daughter of Rufus and Ann (Blanchard) Crosby, born in Milford, March 3, 1832. Resides on the homestead.

## CHILD.

1. William Crosby, b. in Milford, Jan. 12, 1861; is a farmer, res. with his mother, unm.

## COBURN.

Stephen C. Coburn, born in Mont Vernon, Nov. 19, 1825, son of Josiah and Judith (Carlton) Coburn. Came to Milford from Mont Vernon in 1846. Is a shoemaker and farmer, being engaged in shoe trade many years with success, thence removed to a farm on the road to Milford Springs. Married April 11, 1856, Ann Jane, daughter of Aaron K. and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam, born in Wilton, July 26, 1829.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Emily, b. July 9, 1857; m. April 8, 1880, Albert A. Gilson of Milford; res. in Walpole.



2. Florence Shattuck, b. April 13, 1859; m. July 13, 1887, William H., son of Samuel M. and Lavina A. (Cappus) Whitmore; res. in Cleveland, Ohio.
3. Grace Putnam, b. Sept. 9, 1862; m. April 30, 1885, George A. McIntire; res. in Milford.
4. † Stephen Carroll, b. June 26, 1866.
5. Charles Henry, b. April 4, 1874; is a pharmacist.

Stephen C. Coburn, Jr., born in Milford, June 26, 1866, son of Stephen C. and Ann J. (Putnam) Coburn. Is a grocer. Married Oct. 7, 1896, Ida B., daughter of David N. and Nellie L. (Field) Goodwin, born in Milford, Oct. 4, 1878.

## CHILD.

1. Roscoe Newton, b. in Milford, Jan. 10, 1898.

Calvin Coburn, born in Pelham, April 22, 1830, son of Josiah and Hannah (Hardy) Coburn. Came to Milford in 1886. Is a blacksmith. Married (1) Nov. 25, 1854, Melissa A., daughter of Simon and Abigail Knowles, born in Campton, May, 1832; (2) April 12, 1886, Mary Emma, daughter of William E. and Mary Ann (Barrett) Wood, born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, July 26, 1865.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ella Frances, b. in Lowell, Mass., March 15, 1855; d. in Pelham, Sept. 11, 1857.
2. Gertrude May, b. in Pelham, Dec. 30, 1867; d. April 19, 1879.
3. Emma Louise, b. in Milford, Jan. 21, 1890.

## COCHRAN.

John D. Cochran, born in New Boston, April 1, 1804, son of Peter and Jennette (Cochran) Cochran. Married June 29, 1838, Margaret Ann, widow of John Todd, and daughter of John and Annie (Cochran) Ames, born in Belfast, Me., March 25, 1813, and died in Milford, April 18, 1888. He died in Milford, April 8, 1888. He was a carpenter, and came from New Boston to Milford in 1850.

## CHILDREN.

1. Albert Ames, b. in New Boston, July 22, 1841; is a carpenter; m. Aug. 10, 1868, Ellen L. Jewett of Milford; res. in Chicago, Ill.

2. Elizabeth Ann., b. in New Boston, Sept. 20, 1843; d. there.
3. Melissa Jane, b. in New Boston, Sept. 20, 1843; m. May 6, 1867, Francis A., son of Joseph H. and Mary E. (Adams) Fisher of Milford; he d. in Concord, May 30, 1873.
4. John D., b. in Milford, April 14, 1851, and d. Dec. 8, 1857.

Albert A. Cochran, born in New Boston, July 22, 1841, son of John D. and Margaret A. (Ames) Cochran. Came to Milford when a boy with his father. Is a carpenter. Married Aug. 10, 1868, Ellen L. Jewett, born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 25, 1850.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Albert, b. in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 4, 1872; d. July 22, 1872.
2. Charles Leon, b. in Milford, June 29, 1875.

#### COFFIN.

Jason L. Coffin, born in Bethel, Me., June 30, 1842, son of Edwin G. and Mary (Hibbard) Coffin, came to Milford from Athol, Mass., in 1869. Is a mechanic. Married Oct. 20, 1860, Frances E., daughter of Richard L. and Mahala (Watson) Brown, born in Harmony, Me., Feb. 5, 1840.

#### CHILDREN.

1. † Everett Burnside, b. in Athol, Mass., Jan. 26, 1861.
2. Estella Mahala, b. in Athol, Nov. 14, 1865; m. Oct. 7, 1885, Albert C. Howard of Milford, and res. there.
3. † Albert Eugene, b. in Athol, June 9, 1868.
4. Ernest Tallyrand, b. in Milford, Aug. 9, 1873; d. Sept. 23, 1873.

Everett B. Coffin, born in Athol, Mass., Jan. 26, 1861, son of Jason L. and Frances E. (Brown) Coffin, came to Milford when eight years old with his father. Is a carpenter. Married Jan. 6, 1897, Carrie E., daughter of John H. and Charlotte W. (Colby) Rand, born in Manchester, July 16, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lucie Iona, b. Sept. 28, 1897.
2. Charles Chester, b. Nov. 30, 1898.

Albert E. Coffin, born in Athol, Mass., June 9, 1868, son of Jason L. and Frances E. (Brown) Coffin, came to Milford with his parents in 1869. Is a mechanic. Married July 3, 1888,

Hannah A., daughter of Henry and Harriet (Colby) Mayhew, born in Campton, P. Q., March 17, 1866.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lindsay L., b. June 10, 1889, and died July 9, 1889.
2. Rena May, b. July 12, 1890.

## COGGIN.

Nathaniel Coggin, born in Mont Vernon in 1802, son of William and Mary (Haseltine) Coggin, came to Milford from Mont Vernon in 1835, residing on the place now owned by Charles Kidder, in the south part of the town. He carried on a blacksmithing business for several years, and later purchased and operated a sawmill located on a small stream north of his dwelling. He removed to Wilton in 1855, where he died in 1870. Married (1) in 1832, Hannah, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Dodge) Peabody, born in New Boston in 1805, and died in Milford, Dec. 14, 1853; (2) Feb. 22, 1854, Eliza H., widow of Shubael Shattuck, b. in New Ipswich, July 12, 1799, daughter of John and Sarah (Holden) Knowlton, and died there Jan. 23, 1863.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Henry, b. in Mont Vernon, July, 1835, is a mechanic, res. in San Francisco, Cal.; m. (1) Julia A., dau. of Eldad and Mercy (Peterson) Sawtelle of Brookline, October, 1857; (2) Emily C., dau. of George W. and Clarissa D. (Coburn) Burns of Milford, November, 1866; (3) Hannah Wright, a widow, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Davis) McAdam, January, 1879.
2. Isaac Clinton, b. in Milford in 1837, is a musician, res. in San Francisco, Cal.; m. July, 1860, Clara, dau. of Lemuel and Rebecca (Shattuck) Hall of Brookline.

Daniel Coggin, born in Mont Vernon, June 23, 1792, son of Joseph and Betsey (Herrick) Coggin, was a farmer residing on a place near the road to Amherst, where he died Aug. 31, 1872. Married (1) Rebecca Brigham; (2) Feb. 1, 1845, Elizabeth W., daughter of Joseph and Jane (Kelly) Bryer, born in Boothbay, Me., June 13, 1808. Now residing in Lynnfield Centre, Mass.

## CHILDREN.

1. Eunice B., m. Joseph Sanderson of Nashua, and d. there in 1892.
2. Eliza, m. a Mr. Black of Roxbury, Mass., and d. there.

3. Rebecca, m. Mr. Coolidge of Somerville, Mass.
4. Emily, m. Mr. Bemis of Waltham, Mass.
5. Joseph, m. Roselle Bundy of Lawrence, Mass.
6. Henry.
7. † Frank F. (of second wife), b. in Milford, March 9, 1847.

Frank F. Coggin, born in Milford, March 9, 1847, son of Daniel and Elizabeth W. (Bryer) Coggin, removed to Middleboro, Mass., in 1868, and now resides in Lynnfield Centre, Mass. Is an air-brake instructor for the Boston & Maine railroad. Married June 15, 1867, Ellen M., daughter of Charles H. and Elvira A. (Coburn) Holmes, born in Franklin, Mass., June 11, 1849.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Charles Holmes, b. in Milford, May 9, 1868, is a locomotive fireman, res. in Somerville, Mass.; m. Feb. 22, 1898, Fannie, dau. of Joseph and Julia (Bramley) Shepard of Somerville, Mass.
2. Josephine Elizabeth, b. in Middleboro, Mass., April 11, 1875; m. Feb. 23, 1893, Albert E., son of Freeman and Mary (Lord) Stacey of Porter, Me.; now res. in Lynnfield Centre, Mass.
3. Frank Merrow, b. in Somerville, Mass., Dec. 18, 1888; res. with his father.

#### COLBURN.

Peter Colburn, born in Hollis, Oct. 31, 1776, son of Robert and Dorcas (Upton) Colburn, married Jan. 23, 1800, Rachel, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Upton) Patch, born in Hollis, May 27, 1780. He was a farmer, and resided on a place next to Hollis line, on the road from Milford to Hollis over Federal hill, where they lived until old age prevented farm labor. They removed to Nashua, where he died Jan. 9, 1852. She died in Worcester, Mass., April 29, 1855.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Rachel, b. May 21, 1801, m. March 31, 1831, Jacob T. Colburn of Hollis; d. in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 3, 1839.
2. Jemima, b. Aug. 10, 1806, m. Oct. 27, 1831, Isaac, son of Stephen and Betsey (Hood) Lovejoy of Amherst; d. in Somerville, Mass., Oct. 3, 1894.
3. Hannah, b. April 10, 1808, m. April 14, 1830, Asaph Sumner, son of Asaph and Abiah (Bowers) Spalding; res. in Hollis.
4. Sarah, b. Oct. 24, 1809, m. Aug. 17, 1865, Gains Wright of Hollis; d. in Nashua, May 29, 1896.

5. Dorcas, b. July 16, 1811, m. Sept. 27, 1837, Abram S. Wentworth of Fryeburg, Me.; d. in Nashua, Jan. 20, 1886.
6. Peter Upton, b. Feb. 20, 1813, res. in Hollis and Nashua, where he d. Nov. 25, 1858; was a miller; m. (1) May 4, 1837, Rebecca Baldwin of Hollis, and (2) Dec. 5, 1839, Sarah Holt of Temple.
7. † Washington, b. Nov. 26, 1814.
8. Josiah, b. Aug. 8, 1819, m. Dec. 30, 1856, Rebecca Woodward of Lyndeborough. He was a farmer, res. in Hollis and Amherst, where he d. Nov. 15, 1885.
9. Joseph, b. June 16, 1821, was a traveling merchant; m. Dec. 30, 1844, Sarah A. Emerson of Lowell, Mass., and d. in Nashua, March 7, 1896.
10. Joel, b. June 16, 1821, was a painter; res. in Nashua and Clinton, Mass., where he d. Feb. 7, 1879; m. June 15, 1843, Fanny George of Lowell, Mass. He was interested in military matters, and rose to the rank of captain in the state militia.

Timothy Colburn, born in Hollis, Aug. 10, 1778, a brother of Peter, came to Milford in 1803, and returned to Hollis in 1832. He was a farmer, residing on the place now owned by Eugene L. Nelson. He was noted for his musical talent. Married (1) Nov. 1, 1804, Mary, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Wyman) Lovejoy, born in Hollis, Oct. 16, 1784, and died in Milford, Jan. 30, 1808; (2) Jan. 4, 1809, Rebecca, daughter of William and Rebecca (Kenney) Ball, born in Hollis, April 1, 1791, and died in Milford, June 5, 1811; (3) Oct. 6, 1812, Betsey, a twin with the second wife. She died in Hollis, Aug. 3, 1840. He died in Hollis, Aug. 12, 1839.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary, b. Oct. 20, 1809, m. Nov. 8, 1832, Capt. Benjamin P., son of Solomon and Mary (Bailey) Hardy of Hollis, and d. in Charlestown, Mass., Aug. 25, 1883.
2. Abel, b. April 21, 1811, was a farmer; m. Nov. 15, 1837, Susan, dau. of Josiah and Mary (Patch) Hayden; res. in Hollis, and d. there June 26, 1880.
3. Timothy Gilman, b. Aug. 13, 1813; d. Jan. 1, 1814.
4. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 13, 1813; d. Nov. 27, 1815.
5. Rebecca, b. Jan. 8, 1815, m. June 10, 1857, David Miller of Pepperell, Mass., son of William and Ruth (Ames) Miller of Peterborough; res. in Nashua.
6. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 5, 1816, m. Oct. 24, 1833, Jonathan W., son of Daniel and Catherine (Fletcher) Lovejoy of Hollis; res. there, and d. Sept. 24, 1880.



7. Elvira, b. June 2, 1819, m. Oct. 20, 1842, William A., son of Richard and Sarah (Shattuck) Trow of Nashua, and res. there.
8. Almira, b. June 2, 1819, m. Jan. 4, 1838, Mark A., son of Joel and Polly (Moore) Adams of Nashua; res. there.
9. Ai, b. Dec. 30, 1820, was a mechanic; m. Oct. 20, 1842, Louisa M., dau. of Jonathan and Ruth (Davis) Searles of Temple; res. in Nashua, and d. there Feb. 21, 1894.
10. Loinda, b. May 4, 1824, m. Dec. 14, 1875, Ralph I., son of Phineas H. and Betsey (Jewett) Holden of Hollis; res. there.

Washington Colburn, born in Milford, Nov. 26, 1814, son of Peter and Rachel (Patch) Colburn. Resided in Hollis, coming to Milford in 1850, and residing on the place now owned by M. F. Foster, and later on farm now owned by C. P. Colby, where he died April 20, 1873. Married Nov. 18, 1841, Relief, daughter of Joel and Sally (Wright) Wright, born in Dunstable, Mass., June 12, 1813, and died March 13, 1876.

#### CHILDREN BORN IN HOLLIS.

1. Artemas B., b. June 20, 1844; is a laborer, res. in Wentworth; m. June 27, 1877, Elizabeth A., dau. of Stephen and Sarah A. (McGowing) Brooks.
2. Abbie Julia, b. Nov. 28, 1847; m. Nov. 28, 1866, Cyrus P., son of Amos W. and Mary A. (Sanborn) Colby, and d. Aug. 29, 1897.

Joseph Colburn, born in Dracut, Mass., June 19, 1783, son of Job and Hannah (Hildreth) Colburn. Came to Milford in 1800, with Capt. Moses Nowell. Was a cooper and farmer, residing for twenty years on place now owned by John Beals, removing to farm now owned by his son, William P. Colburn, where he died, Aug. 14, 1861. Married (1) May 22, 1806, Martha, daughter of Jonathan and Tabitha (Upton) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Dec. 25, 1780, and died Nov. 13, 1823; (2) April 29, 1824, Hannah, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Marshall) Spalding of Wilton, born in Tewksbury, Mass., Sept. 14, 1784, died in Milford, July 7, 1842; (3) Dec. 7, 1842, Martha, daughter of Joseph and Lettice (Burns) Wallace, born in Milford, March 8, 1795, and died Nov. 19, 1871.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Joseph, Jr., b. May 16, 1807.
2. Sophia, b. Jan., 1809; d. July 29, 1810.

3. Hannah, b. Sept. 9, 1810; m. Dec. 30, 1839, Ezra, son of Arthur and Olive (Cobb) Bennett; res. in Salem and Atkinson; after becoming a widow rem. to Haverhill, Mass., where she d. Aug. 21, 1877.
4. Daniel Lovejoy, b. Sept. 15, 1812; was a shoemaker, res. in Salem and Pelham, where he d. May 5, 1897; m. April 2, 1839, Fanny (Kelley) Perkins of Salem.
5. William Pinckney, b. 1815; d. Sept. 9, 1818.
6. Sophia, b. Jan. 14, 1818; m. Oct. 11, 1852, Willard G. Smith of Salem, son of Charles P. and Ellen (Parks) Smith. They res. in Salem, where she d. March 1, 1855.
7. Sarah Flint, b. Dec. 11, 1819; d. April 29, 1836.
8. Charles, b. Oct. 13, 1823; d. July 30, 1824.
9. † William Pinckney, b. April 18, 1827.
10. Julia Ann, b. June 16, 1830; m. April 2, 1874, Benjamin F. Wiggin, a native of Boston, Mass. They have res. in San Francisco, Cal., and in New Orleans, La. He d. in Milford, Sept. 26, 1893.

Job Colburn, born in Dracut, Mass., Sept. 27, 1788, a brother of Joseph. Was a farmer and shoemaker. Came to Milford in 1814, from Lynn, Mass., and removed to Salem in 1824, where he died Nov. 30, 1862. Married Abiah, daughter of Daniel and Susannah Corliss of Salem, born Oct. 11, 1789, and died there, Dec. 30, 1889.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Albertus, b. March 24, 1815; was a farmer; m. Nov. 18, 1856, Charlotte C., widow of John Sanborn, and dau. of William Spencer. They res. in Salem, where he d. March 11, 1895.
2. Rawson, b. March 19, 1817; m. Jan., 1849, Hannah Kimball of Salem, dau. of Rufus and Lucinda (Ambrose) Kimball; res. in Salem; was a shoemaker, also engaged in grocery trade; d. May 28, 1893.
3. Eliphalet, b. Nov. 20, 1818; was a farmer and shoemaker; m. Nov. 20, 1856, Abiah, dau. of Moores and Abiah (Dustan) Bailey of Salem; res. there, and d. Dec. 20, 1896.

Joseph Colburn, Jr., born in Milford, May 16, 1807. Was a cooper and farmer, and resided on the place now owned by John Beals until failing health caused his removal to the village, where he died Sept. 24, 1882. Married Sept. 6, 1832, Sophia, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Melendy) (Kidder) Williams, born in Amherst, Jan. 7, 1808, and died in Milford, Aug. 24, 1882.

## CHILD.

1. Mary Jane, b. in Milford, Dec. 23, 1837; res. in the village; unm.

William P. Colburn, born in Milford, April 18, 1827, son of Joseph and Hannah (Spalding) Colburn. Is a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married March 26, 1850, Elizabeth M., daughter of Joseph and Maria B. (Knowlton) Clark, born in Milford, Oct. 23, 1826, and died Aug. 28, 1897.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ann Elizabeth, b. June 26, 1852, and d. Sept. 30, 1854.
2. Anna Lizzie, b. Sept. 13, 1855; res. at home, unm.
3. Helen Sophia, b. Jan. 30, 1858; d. Feb. 25, 1858.
4. George William, b. Feb. 4, 1859; res. at home, unm.
5. Percy Howard, b. April 23, 1861; res. in Lowell, Mass.; is a machinist; m. Dec. 15, 1897, Susan A., dau. of Joseph W. and Catherine (Bell) Curtis of Bristol, N. B.

## COLBY.

Augustus G. Colby, born in Weare, May 23, 1838, son of John and Mary H. (Holt) Colby. Came to Milford when a young man. Enlisted in the War of 1861, was wounded in battle, and died at Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 2, 1863. Married Dec. 31, 1859, Sarah M., daughter of Samuel and Marantha (Daniels) Ames, born in Milford, Nov. 6, 1841, and died in Milford, Aug. 26, 1867.

## CHILD.

1. Charles F., b. in Milford, Jan. 31, 1861, and d. July 17, 1881.

Cyrus P. Colby, born in Sandown, July 31, 1845, son of Amos W. and Mary A. (Sanborn) Colby. Came to Milford from Worcester, Mass., in 1876. Is a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Amos Gutterson, in westerly part of the town. Married (1) Nov. 28, 1866, Abbie Julia, daughter of Washington and Relief (Wright) Colburn, born in Hollis, Nov. 28, 1847, and died in Milford, Aug. 29, 1897; (2) May 10, 1899, Florence M., daughter of George W. and Emily F. (Woodward) Davis, born in Halifax, N. S., Oct. 15, 1860, during a temporary residence there, their home being Scituate, R. I.

## CHILDREN.

1. Grace Eleanor, b. in Nashua, Oct. 6, 1870; m. Sept. 10, 1891, Arthur W., son of Calvin and Lizzie M. (Wheeler) Merrill, and res. in Milford.
2. Charles Henry, b. in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 7, 1874; m. May 24, 1899, Ella M. B., dau. of Eugene E., and Emma F. (Long) Dunklee of Milford; res. in Wilton.
3. Minnie Josephine, b. in Milford, March 17, 1880.
4. Mary Belle, b. in Milford, June 20, 1884.

## COLE.

Francis M. Cole, son of Thomas M. and Laura Cole, born in Auburn, Me., March 14, 1839. Was an overseer in a cotton mill. Came to Milford from Lowell, Mass., in 1870, and died there Sept. 2, 1887. Married (1) Sept. 15, 1866, Betsey, daughter of James and Ellen Aham, born in England in 1842, and died in Lowell, Mass., April 2, 1870; (2) Dec. 17, 1870, Augusta, daughter of John and Elena (Wilson) Hunt, born in Australia, Oct. 31, 1849. Now reside in Haverhill, Mass.

## CHILDREN.

1. Carrie E., b. in Lowell, Mass., March 7, 1867; m. Dec. 14, 1885, David H. Hennigan, and res. in Milford.
2. Eva, b. in Milford, Sept. 20, 1871; m. Nov. 16, 1897, Henry H. Wildes; res. in Haverhill, Mass.
3. Edith, b. in Milford, Nov. 4, 1878; d. in Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 2, 1888.

## CONANT.

## ANCESTORS OF BENJAMIN CONANT.

1. John Conant lived in Gittisham, Eng., parish of East Burleigh; born about 1520; buried there March 30, 1596. The only known legal head of the Conant family in England. Only one child, Richard.

2. Richard Conant, son of John, married Agnes Clark, Feb. 4, 1578, and died Sept. 23, 1630. Eight children. He and his wife were buried the same day.

3. Roger, son of Richard and Agnes Conant, was baptized April 9, 1592. He was the youngest of eight children, and the emigrant to America.

4. Lot Conant, son of Roger, born about 1624, in Nantasket, Mass.; died Sept. 29, 1674. He was thrice married, and had nine children.

5. John Conant, son of Lot, born Dec. 15, 1652, in Beverly, Mass.; died Sept. 30, 1724.

6. Lot Conant, son of John, born in Beverly, Mass., June 1, 1679; died Sept. 20, 1767.

7. Robert, son of Lot Conant, born April 26, 1699; died in Stowe, Mass., March 27, 1773.

8. Josiah, son of Robert Conant, born in Concord, Mass., about 1724; died about 1770. His son Benjamin settled in Milford.

Benjamin Conant, born in Groton, Mass., June 27, 1752, was a son of Josiah Conant, and came to Milford in 1782. He was a farmer, residing on the place now owned by Brooks R. Came, on the road leading to Nashua. Married March 19, 1778, Lucy, daughter of Benjamin, Jr., and Anna (Powers) Hopkins, born in Milford in 1759, and died there May 12, 1822. He died May 28, 1828.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Anna, b. in 1780, m. Jan. 6, 1801, Joseph, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Littlehale) Crosby of Milford, and d. there Oct. 20, 1843.
2. Abel, b. July 17, 1782, was a clergyman; m. Oct. 30, 1821, Rebecca, dau. of Levi and Lydia (Farrar) Adams of Amherst. He d. in Leominster, Mass., Dec. 6, 1836.
3. Rachel, b. March, 1784, m. July 30, 1807, Thomas, son of Joshua and Jemima (Wyman) Burnham of Milford; res. in Antrim and Hillsborough, and d. in Nashua, May 7, 1871.
4. † Benjamin, Jr., b. in 1790.

Benjamin Conant, Jr., son of Benjamin and Lucy (Hopkins) Conant, born in Milford in 1790, resided upon the homestead, where he died Oct. 20, 1825. Married Nov. 22, 1810, Betsey Tay, born March 14, 1792, and died in Milford, March 18, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey Jane, b. April 20, 1811, m. Benjamin Nichols, Jr., of Bedford, and d. there Oct. 8, 1860.



2. Frances Almina, b. June 26, 1813, m. June 23, 1831, Rufus Clark of Milford; res. there, and d. Sept. 17, 1880.
3. Benjamin Walter, b. in 1815; d. Feb. 16, 1822.
4. Abigail, b. in 1818; d. Feb. 13, 1822.
5. Abigail Mariah, b. Oct. 25, 1822, m. November, 1842, Nathan R., son of Reuben and Lucy Hutchinson, and d. in Boscawen, Oct. 13, 1896.

Benjamin I. Conant, born in Merrimack, April 24, 1808, son of John and Sarah (Smith) Conant; came to Milford in 1830; was a merchant, and d. June 12, 1865. Married (1) Louisa H., daughter of Abiel and Sarah (Frye) Gutterson of Milford, who died there July 7, 1846; (2) Aug. 26, 1847, Lucy M., daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Richardson) Crosby, born in Amherst, June 6, 1814, and died in Milford, Nov. 10, 1883.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Francis, b. April 22, 1835, was an officer in the U. S. government; res. in Cambridge, Mass., and d. there July 26, 1886; m. Jan. 19, 1860, Harriet L., dau. of Benjamin and Sarah (Lincoln) Shaw of Milford.
2. Ann Louisa, b. Sept. 11, 1836; d. Aug. 3, 1859.
3. Sarah Catherine, b. Aug. 14, 1839; d. Jan. 8, 1872.
4. Clara Farley, b. Jan. 13, 1842; d. April 3, 1860.

## CHILDREN OF SECOND WIFE.

5. Frederick F., b. June 8, 1848; d. March 14, 1873.
6. George Albert, b. Nov. 19, 1849; employed on railroad; res. in Newburyport, Mass.; m. Nov. 14, 1882, Ida M. Parker of Livermore, Me.

## CONREY.

John Conrey, born in Hillsborough, Sept. 18, 1816, son of William and Rebecca Conrey. Was a farmer, and resided in the western part of the town, near place formerly owned by Royal Hutchinson, where he died Oct. 20, 1872. Married (1) Aug. 5, 1838, Clarissa —, born Dec. 8, 1813; (2) Betsey, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Battles) Barnes, born in Merrimack, Sept. 22, 1812, and died in Milford, Feb. 6, 1894.

## CHILDREN.

1. Hannah A., b. Oct. 18, 1838; m. June 16, 1860.
2. Sylvester, b. March 1, 1841; d. Oct. 9, 1841.
3. Joseph S., b. March 6, 1842, in Methuen, Mass; was a farmer, and res. near his father; m. July 26, 1865, Lizzie M., dau. of

James and Sarah H. (Childs) Killam of Temple; he d. in Milford, Aug. 26, 1893.

4. Sabrina, b. in Methuen, Mass., June, 1844; d. Oct. 8, 1845.
5. † Franklin S., b. in Merrimack, Jan. 16, 1846.
6. Sabrina F., b. April 18, 1848; d. in Milford, Sept. 25, 1860.
7. Charles N., b. in Merrimack, May 16, 1851; d. in Milford, April 10, 1869.
8. Sarah, b. in Merrimack, Jan. 23, 1853; m. Dec. 25, 1873, Alva P. Coombs; d. in Hollis, Dec. 25, 1883.

Franklin S. Conrey, son of John and Betsey (Barnes) Conrey, born in Merrimack, Jan. 16, 1846. Came to Milford with his father, about 1860, and resided on the homestead, where he died, June 28, 1895. Married Feb. 18, 1874, Emma J., daughter of Daniel and Sarah A. (Withey) Smith, born in Milford, July 19, 1850.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Edward, b. Nov. 13, 1875.
2. Perley, b. Jan. 8, 1878.
3. Carl, b. June 13, 1881.
4. Fred, b. Feb. 2, 1883.

#### CONVERSE.

Rufus Converse, son of Ebenezer and Rhoda (Boutelle) Converse, born in Amherst, May 23, 1819, came to Milford in 1867. He was a lumber dealer for many years, and now resides in a house erected by himself, about one half mile from the town house, on the road to Nashua. Married Sept. 6, 1849, Eliza C., daughter of Christopher and Sophia (Carlton) Ritterbush, born in Merrimack, May 28, 1823, and died in Milford, April 23, 1883.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN AMHERST.

1. George Ebenezer, b. Aug. 18, 1851, and d. July 18, 1855.
2. Ellison Ambrose, b. June 20, 1856, and d. May 29, 1862.
3. Carrie Eliza, b. Dec. 7, 1859; res. with her father.
4. Mary Lizzie, b. Dec. 21, 1861; res. with her father.

Charles Converse, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Fuller) Converse, born in Amherst, Aug. 28, 1849. He remained on his father's farm until disabled by accident for farm labor, removing to Milford in 1895, and residing on the road to Amherst. Is a jobber. Married Nov. 19, 1890, Eliza,

daughter of William and Agnes (Higgins) Lindsay, born in Halifax county, N. S., Oct. 3, 1854.

## CHILD.

1. Agnes Fuller, b. in Amherst, Oct. 28, 1893.

## COTTON.

Samuel B. Cotton, born in Greenfield, Jan. 21, 1821, son of Robert B. and Abigail (Burns) Cotton. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1867 from Manchester, and resided in that part of the town known as Pine Valley, on a place formerly owned by Mr. Dascomb, where he died, March 19, 1890. Married May 30, 1850, Roxanna A., daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Knowles) Conner, born in Concord, Nov. 15, 1826.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN SUTTON.

1. Mary Theodora, b. Sept. 23, 1853; m. Dec. 12, 1872, Edwin, son of John and Nancy (Kelso) Lynch of Wilton; d. in Milford, Feb. 18, 1885.
2. Abbie Burns, b. June 11, 1855; res. in Milford, unm.
3. Fanny Foster, b. June 19, 1858; d. in Sutton, Oct. 10, 1858.
4. Robert Burns, b. Oct. 13, 1860; is a mechanic; res. in Milford, unm.

## COURT.

John F. Court, son of John and — (Froysell) Court, born in England in 1850. Is a currier. Came to Milford from Boston, Mass. Married March 27, 1875, Clara E., daughter of Edwin and Susanna (Mole) Lilley, born in England, Feb. 12, 1852.

## CHILDREN.

1. Margaret Anna, b. in England, March 4, 1876.
2. Nellie May, b. in England, Jan. 5, 1878.
3. Charles Norman, b. in England, June 15, 1879.
4. Irene Clara, b. in England, Jan. 9, 1881.
5. Mildred Marion, b. in Milford, Dec. 7, 1892.
6. Harvey Renford, b. in Milford, Aug. 16, 1895.

## CRAM.

Daniel Cram, born in Lyndeborough, April 6, 1799, son of Gideon and Amy (Putnam) Cram. Was a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Daniel Johnson, in the south part of

the town, from which the buildings have been removed. Came to Milford from Lyndeborough in 1837, and removed to Amherst in 1854, where he died, Aug. 5, 1880. Married (1) Dec. 18, 1822, Sally, daughter of Joel and Polly (Coburn) Holt, born in Wilton, May 18, 1797, and died in Milford, March 25, 1853; (2) Oct. 13, 1853, Susan U., daughter of John and Mary Whittemore, born July 12, 1826, and died in Amherst, June 8, 1855; (3) June 5, 1856, Sarah, daughter of Abel and Sarah Blood, born June 9, 1806, and died in Amherst, Feb. 3, 1878.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH BUT THE LAST.

1. Laura, b. Jan. 6, 1824; m. Nov. 26, 1840, William J. D., son of Benjamin and Susan (Bacon) Burt of Milford; res. in Milford, and d. Oct. 25, 1891.
2. Julia Ann, b. Aug. 22, 1825; m. June 4, 1845, Samuel H., son of James and Huldah (Peabody) Hill of Mont Vernon; now res. in Amherst.
3. Daniel Holt, b. April 9, 1827; d. Aug. 3, 1831.
4. David, b. March 20, 1830; is a tailor; m. June, 1856, Nancy A., dau. of John and Nancy (Emery) Scales of Townsend, Mass., and res. there.
5. Louisa, b. Feb. 16, 1832; m. Nov. 11, 1852, Franklin, son of George and Eunice (Williams) Davis of Poultney, Vt.; res. in Palmer, Mass., and d. there, Jan. 13, 1878.
6. Sarah Emily, b. Dec. 24, 1836; m. May 14, 1863, Joseph G., son of Abial and Lucy (Sanderson) Holbrook of Bedford; res. there and d. —.
7. Daniel Walter, b. July 25, 1854, in Amherst, and res. there, unm.

CROSBY.

ANCESTORS OF CROSBY FAMILY.

Simon Crosby, with his wife, Ann, and their young son, Thomas, arrived in this country from England on the ship *Susan and Ellyn*, in 1635. He died in 1639, aged 30 years, leaving a widow of 29 years and three little boys, Thomas, born 1635, Simon, born 1637, and Joseph, born 1639.

Simon Crosby, born 1637, married in 1659, Rachel Brackett, and settled in Billerica. Their son, Josiah, born 1677, married Nov. 2, 1703, Mary Manning, and settled in Billerica. Their son, Josiah, born 1704, married Feb. 3, 1729, Elizabeth

French, and their son, Josiah, born 1730, married Sarah Fitch, and settled in Milford.

Josiah Crosby, born in Billerica, Mass., Nov. 24, 1730, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (French) Crosby. Was a farmer, and settled upon land now owned by his great-grandson, Matthias F. Crosby, located upon the road to Wilton, about one mile from the town house in Milford, where he died, Oct. 15, 1793. Married Aug. 23, 1750, Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Grimes) Fitch, born in Bedford, Mass., March 25, 1732, and died in Milford, Sept. 16, 1825.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Josiah, b. in Bedford, Mass., Oct. 18, 1751.
2. Joseph, b. in Milford, Oct. 15, 1753; was a farmer; res. in Amherst, where he d. Oct. 9, 1842; m. in 1778, Esther Lane.
3. Sarah, b. April, 1756; m. Feb. 24, 1780, Allen Goodridge of Mont Vernon, and d. there Jan. 27, 1812.
4. † William, b. Jan. 29, 1758.
5. Elizabeth, b. June 27, 1760; m. in 1778, William Low of Amherst, and d. in Concord, March 25, 1836.
6. Alpheus, b. Nov. 16, 1762; was a farmer; m. Nov. 18, 1788, Elizabeth, dau. of Roger Gilmore of Jaffrey, where he d. Oct. 23, 1842.
7. Asa, b. July 15, 1765; was a physician; res. in Sandwich and Hanover; m. 1789, Betsey, dau. of Nathan and Molly (Page) Hoit of Sandwich; he d. in Hanover, April 12, 1836.
8. John, b. April 10, 1768; was engaged in the manufacture of lime; m. Priscilla, dau. of Augustus and Bridget (Lovewell) Blanchard of Milford; res. in Belgrade, Me., where he d. Sept. 20, 1805.
9. Esther, b. Feb. 3, 1771; m. Jan. 31, 1793, Augustus Blanchard, Jr.; they res. in Sandwich, where she d. Jan. 20, 1849.
10. Fitch, b. July 14, 1773; was a farmer and clothier; res. in Ashburnham, Mass., where he d. March 17, 1852; m. March 1, 1798, Rebecca Davis of New Ipswich.

Josiah Crosby, born in Bedford, Mass., Oct. 18, 1751, son of Josiah and Sarah (Fitch) Crosby, came to Milford with his parents when a few months old. He was a farmer, living on the farm now owned by Timothy Holland, about a mile west of the Osgood schoolhouse. Married in 1772, Elizabeth Littlehale, born Dec. 20, 1749, and died Sept. 9, 1834. He died June 15, 1838.



## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Josiah, b. June 22, 1773.
2. † Joseph, b. Oct. 19, 1774.
3. Abraham, b. June 22, 1776, m. Oct. 8, 1801, Mary Tibbets of Belgrade, Me., and d. December, 1845.
4. Sally, b. April 8, 1778, m. Jan. 20, 1798, David Woolson; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 14, 1852.
5. William, b. Jan. 12, 1780, m. Aug. 9, 1812, Polly Creasy; res. in Sidney and Readfield, Me., and d. in North Wayne, Aug. 16, 1855.
6. Alpheus, b. March 11, 1782, m. Dec. 28, 1802, Deborah G. Turner. Was a farmer, miller, and clothier; res. in Hillsborough, and d. Jan. 15, 1835.
7. Jotham, b. Dec. 19, 1783, m. Margaret Beeth; res. in Maine, and d. there about 1817.
8. Betsey, b. Jan. 16, 1786, m. July 15, 1808, John, son of James and Susannah (Knight) Steele of Milford; res. in Reading, Mass., and d. there Aug. 15, 1866.
9. Othni, b. Sept. 1, 1787, m. Anna Davis, Oct. 3, 1809, and d. Dec. 19, 1863.
10. Porter, b. April 14, 1791, m. Sept. 19, 1812, Susanna Hopkins of Providence, R. I., and d. May 20, 1858.
11. Polly, born March 25, 1793, m. August, 1815, William Crosby of Merrimack.

William Crosby, born in Milford, Jan. 29, 1758, son of Josiah and Sarah (Fitch) Crosby, was a farmer, residing on the place settled by his father in 1752, where he died May 12, 1831. Married Nov. 16, 1790, Sarah, born in Amherst, Nov. 28, 1767, daughter of John and Mercy (Wilkins) Shepard; died in Milford, Dec. 15, 1845.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sophia, b. Dec. 4, 1791, m. Sept. 7, 1823, Henry Spalding; res. in Shutesbury, Mass., and d. in Nashua, Jan. 26, 1854.
2. † Josiah, b. Dec. 3, 1793.
3. John, b. July 27, 1796; d. in Edwardsville, Ill., July 9, 1820, unm.
4. † Frederick, b. June 24, 1798.
5. † Freeman, b. June 24, 1798.

Josiah Crosby, born in Milford, June 22, 1773, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Littlehale) Crosby, was a cooper, residing on the road leading to Mont Vernon, where he died Feb. 9, 1856. Married Charlotte Keep, born in Groton, Mass., in 1776, and died in Milford, Nov. 10, 1851.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Josiah H., b. in 1805, was a cooper; res. in Salem, Mass., and in the West Indies; m. Eunice Stoddard of Salem, Mass.
2. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. in 1807, m. in 1839, John E. Bell; d. in New Albany, Ill., Feb. 11, 1858.
3. Alpheus, b. Jan. 23, 1811, was a ship carpenter; m. Dec. 1, 1836, Martha J. French of Prospect, Me., and d. March 18, 1872.
4. Jonathan, who d. young.

Joseph Crosby, born in Milford, Oct. 19, 1774, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Littlehale) Crosby, was a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married Jan. 6, 1801, Anna, born in Milford in 1780, daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Hopkins) Conant, who died Oct. 20, 1843. He died May 23, 1838.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nancy, b. Sept. 27, 1801, m. June 3, 1823, Asa Burns of Milford, and d. there Dec. 21, 1874.
2. Harriet, b. Oct. 20, 1802, m. Nov. 22, 1825, Freeman Crosby of Milford, and d. Sept. 7, 1855.
3. Lucy, b. Aug. 29, 1804, m. Oct. 29, 1822, Jabez, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Bullard) Bills of Amherst, and d. there Sept. 27, 1882.
4. † Joseph, Jr., b. March 3, 1806.
5. † Benjamin, b. Oct. 7, 1807.
6. † Josiah Dixi, b. Nov. 12, 1809.
7. Betsey, b. Feb. 26, 1812, m. Jan. 23, 1831, Abram, son of Abram and Polly (Boynton) Fifield of Lowell, Mass., and d. in Milford, Nov. 16, 1888.
8. Rachel Orinda, b. Aug. 12, 1813, m. Dec. 26, 1837, Rev. Samuel K., son of James and Catherine (Erickson) Snead of New Albany, Ind. They res. in Kirkwood, Mo., and she d. in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 21, 1892.
9. † Abel Conant, b. Nov. 28, 1815.
10. Mary, b. Oct. 12, 1817, m. Nov. 3, 1842, John L. Minot of Milford, and res. in Louisville, Ky.
11. Deborah Gutterson, b. Dec. 8, 1819, m. Feb. 19, 1840, Joseph, son of Stephen and Mary (Flynn) Lund of Merrimack; res. in Canada, and d. there Sept. 9, 1866.

Joseph Fitch Crosby, b. in Amherst, Sept. 16, 1819, son of Joseph and Sarah (Richardson) Crosby, is a farmer, residing on the place formerly owned by Capt. Andrew Bradford and his son John, and owned later by Luther Averill and his son James. Married March 28, 1847, Helen M., daughter of

James J. and Lucy W. (Burnham) Averill, born in Mont Vernon, March 15, 1828, and died in Milford, Nov. 14, 1879.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MONT VERNON.

1. Grace Helen, b. June 13, 1853; res. with her father, unm.
2. Catherine Bell, b. May 24, 1860; d. in Milford, Oct. 11, 1894, unm.

Josiah Crosby, 3d, son of William and Sarah (Shepard) Crosby, born in Milford, Dec. 3, 1793, was a manufacturer; resided in Milford until 1836, when he removed to Lowell, Mass., and after residing there a few years, returned to Milford, where he died July 11, 1853. Married Dec. 17, 1817, Margery, daughter of Charles Whitmarsh, born in Lyndeborough, July 24, 1798, and died in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 21, 1889.

CHILDREN.

1. William Staniford, b. in Milford, Dec. 22, 1818; d. there Jan. 22, 1820.
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Milford, Aug. 26, 1821; m. Sept. 28, 1843, John A. Kendrick of Roxbury, Mass., and res. in Worcester, Mass.
3. Adaline Augusta, b. in Milford, Oct. 27, 1825; d. in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 17, 1895, unm.
4. Charles Whitmarsh, b. in Milford, Oct. 22, 1828, is an attorney-at-law; res. in Duluth, Minn; m. June 14, 1849, Elmira J. Smith of Nashua.
5. † John William, b. Oct. 19, 1836.

Frederick Crosby, born in Milford, June 24, 1798, son of William and Sarah (Shepard) Crosby, was a farmer and butcher, and resided on the old homestead now owned by his son, Matthias F. Married (1) Nov. 22, 1825, Rebecca, daughter of Abel and Rebecca (Ober) Spalding, born in Hollis, March 5, 1802, died in Milford, May 6, 1828; (2) Nov. 24, 1831, Rebecca, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Ober) Lund, born in Merrimack, Jan. 10, 1812, and died in Milford, Aug. 29, 1891. He died Jan. 3, 1872.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Catherine Elizabeth, b. Feb. 17, 1833, m. (1) Nov. 23, 1853, James, son of James and Joanna (Creesy) Cochran of New Boston, who died a few months afterwards; (2) Jan. 9, 1855, Rev. George, son of Darius and Susannah (Fairbanks) Darling of Lowell, Mass.

2. Arabell, b. April 23, 1835, and d. July 10, 1835.
2. Matthias Frederick, b. Sept. 16, 1836, is a farmer and lumber dealer; res. on the homestead, unm.
4. Caroline Rebecca, b. Nov. 12, 1838; res. in Milford, unm.
5. George Staniford, b. Oct. 11, 1841; d. July 1, 1842.
6. Annabell Frances, b. Oct. 24, 1844, m. Sept. 14, 1871, Charles C., son of David and Lydia (Adams) Secombe of Milford; res. in Minneapolis, Minn., and d. there July 31, 1873.
7. Clara Edla, b. March 19, 1850, m. Feb. 26, 1884, Cyrus, son of Timothy and Mary (Proctor) Patch of Amherst. When m. he res. in Quincy, Mass.; after his death the widow returned to Milford.

Freeman Crosby, born in Milford, June 24, 1798, son of William and Sarah (Shepard) Crosby, was a farmer and butcher, residing on the old homestead in a house now occupied by his daughter and her family, Mrs. James W. Anderson, where he died March 23, 1884. Married (1) Nov. 22, 1825, Harriet, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby, born in Milford, Oct. 20, 1802, and died Sept. 7, 1855; (2) Jan. 26, 1860, Harriet H., widow of Euclid Moore and daughter of James and Judith (Stevens) Hartshorn, born in Amherst, June 11, 1817, who now resides in Nashua.

## CHILDREN.

1. Harriet Maria, b. Feb. 9, 1827, m. June 1, 1848, Dexter S. Burnham, and res. in Milford.
2. Rebecca Spalding, b. Dec. 7, 1828, m. Oct. 25, 1849, James W. Anderson, and res. on the old homestead.

Joseph Crosby, Jr., born in Milford, March 3, 1806, resided in the village, and was a dealer in lumber. Married Sept. 17, 1835, Isabel, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Knowlton) Moore, born in Milford, May 8, 1810, and died there March 9, 1885. He died May 22, 1892.

## CHILDREN.

1. Esther Moore, b. Aug. 21, 1836, m. Jan. 18, 1871, David F., son of Oliver and Betsey (Clark) Thompson, b. in Amherst, Feb. 7, 1833, and res. in Milford.
2. Helen Isabelle, b. June 7, 1839; d. Aug. 18, 1839.
3. Martha, b. Oct. 27, 1841; d. March 26, 1842.
4. Helen Frances, b. Oct. 24, 1843; d. Aug. 30, 1847.
5. Joseph Willard, b. July 18, 1850; d. Sept. 3, 1850.
6. James Elroy (adopted), b. Dec. 22, 1851; d. Aug. 10, 1852.

Benjamin Crosby, born in Milford, Oct. 7, 1807, son of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby, was a farmer; removed to Peterborough in 1854, where he died Sept. 23, 1891. Married Jan. 26, 1832, Pamela, daughter of William and Sally (Fessenden) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Sept. 13, 1811, and died in Peterborough, May 24, 1888.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Lovejoy, b. Oct. 2, 1832, m. Lizzie Woods of Chicopee, Mass.
2. Anna Maria, b. Jan. 2, 1836, m. May 28, 1856, Thomas Hadley, Jr., of Peterborough.
3. Benjamin Wyman, b. Oct. 19, 1837, m. Mary, dau. of Cyrus and Abigail (Davis) Blanchard of Peterborough, and d. there July 7, 1872.
4. Joseph Adelbert, b. Feb. 20, 1840, m. Fanny, dau. of Cyrus and Abigail (Davis) Blanchard of Peterborough.
5. Luther Goodrich, b. Sept. 8, 1842.
6. Walter T., a machinist.
7. Lizzie A., b. June 8, 1854.
8. Emma T., b. Nov. 6, 1855.

Josiah D. Crosby, son of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby, born in Milford, Nov. 12, 1810, was a shoemaker, residing first in school district No. 5, near the sawmill on the road to Mason, afterwards on the road to Amherst. He died in Brashear City, La., May 10, 1863, while in the service of his country in the War of the Rebellion. Married March 18, 1833, Almira L., daughter of William and Sally (Fessenden) Lovejoy, born in Milford, June 3, 1815, and died there Jan. 6, 1893.

CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Dixi Josiah, b. June 23, 1834, is a farmer; m. Dec. 9, 1854, Martha S., dau. of Lyman and Sarah (Blackmer) Fairbanks of Chicopee, Mass. They res. in Peterborough.
2. Mary Jane, b. April 20, 1836, m. Nov. 7, 1860, Jason E. Hutchinson, and d. in Milford, May 30, 1876.
3. Susan Ellen, b. April 23, 1838, m. May 1, 1860, Henry Baker of Goffstown, and d. in Milford, Dec. 27, 1875.
4. George Edward, b. Dec. 5, 1839, m. June 3, 1865, Augusta Hill of Biddeford, Me.; res. in West Medford, Mass.; is a job printer.
5. Adaline Almira, b. May 12, 1842, m. April 5, 1866, Thomas B. Hall; res. in Milford.



6. Charles Henry, b. Jan. 22, 1844, is a machinist; m. Nov. 12, 1865, Mary F. White of Manchester, and res. there.
7. Lydia Ann, b. March 31, 1845, m. Dec. 11, 1879, Jason E., son of Royal and Abigail (Howard) Hutchinson, and res. in Milford.
8. John Frank, b. Jan. 31, 1847, is a farmer; res. in East Washington; m. (1) March 1, 1869, Etta M. Little of Lowell, Mass., dau. of Justice and Mary (Barker) Pike of Hillsborough, who d. Aug. 1, 1893; (2) Emily A. Brown, dau. of Henry and Roxana M. (Crane) Smith of East Washington.
9. Walter Joseph, b. July 23, 1849, is canvassing; m. Feb. 1, 1882, Ida, dau. of Geo. W. and Mary E. (Crouch) Robinson of Bolton, Mass.; res. in Manchester.
10. Clara Janette, b. May 15, 1851; d. Oct. 28, 1851.
11. Clara Delia, b. June 8, 1856; d. Sept. 1, 1856.
12. Carra Amelia, b. June 8, 1856, is a cashier; res. in Milford, unm.

Abel C. Crosby, son of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby, born in Milford, Nov. 28, 1815. A farmer; remained on the homestead while able to work it, thence removing to the village, near the station of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Married Nov. 17, 1842, Joanna S., dau. of Joshua and Abigail (Lombard) Trufant, born in Bath, Me., Sept. 7, 1816.

## CHILDREN.

1. Allen Trufant, b. in Milford, Nov. 8, 1843; d. in Milford, Aug. 20, 1863, of disease contracted in the service of his country.
2. Abby Ella, b. July 6, 1848, and d. Jan. 20, 1867.

William Crosby, son of Othni and Anna (Davis) Crosby, born in Mason, April 2, 1820, was a mechanic, and resided in Milford village. Married (1) Dec. 13, 1840, Angeline Chandler, born in Wilton in 1817, died in Milford, July 4, 1847; (2) April 20, 1848, Sarah D., daughter of Oliver and Patty (Wright) Heald, born in Nelson, Nov. 14, 1820, and died in Milford, July 8, 1889. He died Nov. 8, 1890.

## CHILDREN.

1. † William Addison, b. in Milford, Oct. 23, 1842.
2. Othni Chandler, b. Sept. 11, 1843; d. in Carrollton, La., Sept. 15, 1862, while in the army.

John W. Crosby, son of Josiah, 3d, and Margery (Whitmarsh) Crosby, born in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 19, 1836, learned the printer's trade; came to Milford in 1850. Enlisted in the

army in 1861, serving through the war. He was appointed postmaster in Milford in 1869, serving in that office until 1894. He died in Woburn, Mass., March 13, 1898. Married April 23, 1861, Elmira J., daughter of Shubael and Eliza (Knowlton) Shattuck, born in New Ipswich, Jan. 26, 1834.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Frederick, b. Feb. 4, 1862, is a journalist, res. in Worcester, Mass.; m. Dec. 29, 1883, Sarah E., dau. of Almon Marsh of Chasy, N. Y.
2. Ada Eliza, b. May 17, 1863, m. June 26, 1890, James R. Kendall of Woburn, where they now res. He was b. in England, the son of John and Ellen (Robertson) Kendall.

William A. Crosby, son of William and Angeline (Chandler) Crosby, born in Milford, Oct. 23, 1842. Is a mechanic, and resides in the village. Married (1) Dec. 28, 1865, Fanny E., daughter of Ozias and Catherine (McGilvery) Wright, born in Brookline, Nov. 25, 1844, and died there March 31, 1867; (2) Sept. 1. 1870, Helen M., daughter of Mark and Betsey (Shackford) Richardson, born in Pembroke, Nov. 29, 1846.

#### CHILD.

1. Elmer Ansette, b. Dec. 8, 1871, and d. July 9, 1872.

Edward P. Crosby, son of Josiah H. and Eunice (Stoddard) Crosby, born in Salem, Mass., 1831. Was a laborer, and came to Milford in 1853. Married (1) Clara, daughter of Martin and Fanny Haddow, born in Montpelier, Vt., in 1838, and died in Milford, July 27, 1871; (2) Nov. 13, 1871, Elizabeth A. Blanchard, daughter of Israel L. and Elizabeth (Hoyt) Worcester, born in Brighton, Mass., Jan. 12, 1842, died in Milford, Aug. 25, 1875; (3) Jan. 30, 1891, Rachel A. Abbot, daughter of Jacob T. and Rachel Colburn of Hollis, born in 1832.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles E., b. 1854; d. 1873.
2. † Frank A., b. March 14, 1856.
3. George William, b. March 25, 1870; m. Dec. 25, 1895, Minnie A., dau. of B. F. Hutchinson of Warsaw, N. Y. Is a clergyman, and res. at Feeding Hills, Mass.
4. Georgianna, b. July 4, 1873; d. in Hillsborough, June, 1875.

Frank A. Crosby, born in Milford, March 14, 1856, son of Edward P. and Clara (Haddow) Crosby. Came to Milford from Brookline in 1886, where he died Jan. 20, 1892. Was assistant undertaker for several years. Married Nov. 23, 1881, Jennie A., daughter of Charles R. and Sophronia C. (Dow) Bingham, born in Claremont, July 8, 1860.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles (twin), b. in Townsend, Mass., April 29, 1885, and d. the same day.
2. Clara (twin), b. in Townsend, Mass., April 29, 1885, and d. the same day.
3. Bessie Florence, b. in Milford, July 11, 1889.

Rufus Crosby, born in Billerica, Mass., Nov. 7, 1796. Was a farmer, and resided on the north side of Souhegan river, near the place called Jones's crossing, on the road to Wilton, where he died Oct. 21, 1878. Married March 29, 1825, Ann, daughter of Asa and Sybil (Pierce) Blanchard, born in Lyndeborough, April 1, 1803, and died March 19, 1879.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Ann, b. June 24, 1825; m. Nov. 28, 1850, William W. Howard, and res. in Milford.
2. Rufus Pierce, b. Sept. 28, 1829; is a gardener and res. in Woburn, Mass.; m. Dec. 1, 1852, Mary E. Sherburn of Barrington.
3. Harriet Louisa, b. March 3, 1832; m. Dec. 8, 1859, William L., son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Lincoln) Cleaves of Mont Vernon; res. in Milford.
4. † George, b. March 6, 1835.
5. Benjamin, b. Jan. 21, 1838; d. July 24, 1838.
6. Ephraim, b. Aug. 1, 1840; d. Oct. 13, 1865.
7. Abbie Elizabeth, b. Sept. 24, 1845; was a teacher; res. in Milford, and d. there Aug. 27, 1895.

George Crosby, son of Rufus and Ann (Blanchard) Crosby, born in Milford, March 6, 1835. Is a farmer, and resides on the homestead. Married Jan. 12, 1865, Julia A., daughter of Ransom and Mary Ann (French) Fisk, born in Nashua, May 20, 1831.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet Frances, b. Feb. 9, 1867.
2. Alice Gertrude, b. Nov. 11, 1869.

3. Herbert Weston, b. May 20, 1872; is a farmer, res. with his father; m. Nov. 18, 1897, Sadie N., dau. of Augustus M. and Emma L. (Wood) Nutting of Wilton.
4. Harry Parsons, b. April 9, 1874.

## CUMMINGS.

Jonathan Cummings, Jr., married Aug. 15, 1805, Lydia, daughter of Isaac Howe of Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Levi, b. March 15, 1806; m. Feb. 4, 1834, Rebecca, dau. of Robert M. and Betsey (Barnard) King of Amherst.
2. —, b. 1808; d. July 2, 1813.
3. Lavina, b. Jan. 14, 1810; m. Nov., 1838, Samuel, son of Seth S. and Hannah (Burnham) Goldsmith of Wilton, and d. there Oct. 15, 1839.
4. —, b. 1812; d. Nov. 3, 1815.
5. —, b. 1814; d. Nov. 17, 1815.
6. George, b. March 27, 1816.
7. Isaac, b. Aug. 26, 1818; m. June, 1842, Emeline, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Jones) Burns of Milford; d. Feb. 6, 1845.

Langdon B. Cummings, son of Nathan P. and Harriet (Joslin) Cummings, born in Sharon, March 13, 1826. Was a canvasser. Came to Milford from Francestown in 1872, and died here April 29, 1887. Married Sept. 5, 1861, Sarah A., daughter of Sumner and Mary L. (Rice) French, born in Manchester, Dec. 9, 1844.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Harriet, b. in Lyndeborough, March 11, 1863; res. in Lowell, Mass.; employed in hosiery mill.
2. Ellen Maria, b. in Greenfield, Jan. 19, 1868; m. Jan. 21, 1890, Fred N., son of Milo R. and Sarah F. (Shed) Burnham of Milford; res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. there April 27, 1893.
3. Charles Parker, b. in Francestown, Oct. 16, 1871; m. Jan. 7, 1896, Grace Hoffman of Boston, Mass.; res. there and is employed in a laundry.
4. Marshall French, b. in Francestown, Oct. 16, 1871; is a clerk and res. in Lowell, Mass.
5. Abby Brooks, born in Milford, Jan. 25, 1874; is a clerk and res. in Lowell, Mass.

## CURTIS.

Levi Curtis, son of Levi and Sarah (Ellenwood) Curtis, born in Lyndeborough, Sept. 26, 1813. Was a farmer, and served as selectman nine years, residing on place settled upon by Ebenezer Averill in 1752, until a few years since, when he removed to a farm formerly owned by Granville C. Averill, where he died June 17, 1897. Married (1) March 8, 1842, Fanny Bradford, daughter of Ebenezer, Jr., and Fanny (Bradford) Averill, born in Milford, May 23, 1815, and died Sept. 3, 1866; (2) Nov. 28, 1867, Elizabeth, widow of Luke Wilkins of Mont Vernon, and daughter of Mark D. and Lucy (Whipple) Langdell, born in Mont Vernon, March 13, 1820, and died in Milford, May 28, 1897.

## CHILDREN.

1. Rosaline D., b. Sept. 26, 1845; m. Sept. 26, 1865, Charles G. Rideout of New Boston; res. on old Averill homestead.
2. Son, b. Dec. 18, 1858, and d. Dec. 23, 1858.

## CUSHING.

Joseph Cushing, son of Anthony Cushing, born in St. Frances, Canada, Jan. 25, 1814. Came to Milford in 1851. Enlisted in the army in the war of 1861, and died in Milford, April 10, 1879. Married Aug. 19, 1842, Louisa Jane, daughter of Amariah and Hannah (Warner) Pierce, born in Salem, Mass., Jan. 18, 1814, and died in Milford, Jan. 29, 1895. No children.

## CUTTS.

Elber R. Cutts, son of Andrew J. and Mary J. (Messer) Cutts, born in Newport, Oct. 8, 1862, is a farmer, residing on the place on the Brookline road south of the pumping station, formerly owned by David P. Needham. Married Feb. 19, 1884, Clara E., daughter of Phineas G. and Caroline M. (Dickenson) Fisher, born in Sutton, July 23, 1864.

## CHILDREN.

1. Elwin Fisher, b. in Amherst, Sept. 5, 1885.
2. Ethel Marion, b. in Milford, Jan. 31, 1891.



## DAME.

John Dame, son of William, born in Strafford, October, 1834, came to Milford from Laconia in 1854, residing near the schoolhouse in district No. 4, in the westerly part of the town, and was engaged in farming and teaming. Married Nov. 25, 1856, Clarissa, daughter of Peter F. and Mary P. (Blunt) Shedd, born in Milford, October, 1838, and died June 28, 1888. He died Feb. 23, 1891.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Warren, b. April 27, 1859, was a weaver; d. in Lowell, Mass., Jan. 5, 1890.
2. Sidney, b. Sept. 25, 1861; d. August, 1862.
3. Ellie Jane, b. Sept. 21, 1867, m. Dec. 23, 1890, Arthur C., son of John A. and Susan M. (Cameron) Brown of Milford; res. in Nashua, and d. there March 29, 1896.
4. George William, b. July 28, 1877.

## DANFORTH.

Timothy Danforth, son of David and Elizabeth (Pierce) Danforth, born in Amherst, April 2, 1778, was a farmer, residing on the place now owned by Jason T. Bills. Married (1) Aug. 12, 1798, Mary Nevins, born in 1768 and died in January, 1806; (2) Sept. 23, 1806, Bridget, daughter of Augustus and Bridget (Lovewell) Blanchard, born in Merrimack, June 23, 1776, and died in Amherst, July 16, 1837; (3) Jan. 11, 1838, Lucretia, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah and Deborah (Henchman) Barnard, born in Amherst, July 26, 1796, and died March 28, 1885.

## CHILDREN, ALL BUT FIRST ONE BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Timothy, Jr., b. in Amherst, May 26, 1799.
2. William Nevins, b. July 12, 1802, m. July 25, 1831, Lucy Wiley. He d. in Amherst, March 2, 1849.
3. Walter, b. Feb. 19, 1804; d. in Portland, Me., Aug. 5, 1848.
4. Joel Crosby, b. June 14, 1809, m. June 29, 1830, Betsey Andrews of Hillsborough; res. in Concord, and d. there Sept. 17, 1882.
5. Charles Pinckney, b. Sept. 16, 1812, was an editor; res. in Nashua, where he d. Oct. 19, 1893; m. Sept. 15, 1840, Nancy H. Pierce.
6. Hannah, b. Nov. 11, 1820, m. Dr. C. C. Field of Leominster, Mass.; res. there, and d. May 14, 1857.

Timothy Danforth, Jr., born in Amherst, May 26, 1799, was a farmer, residing on the homestead now owned by Jason

T. Bills, where he died Sept. 18, 1859. Married June 19, 1827, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Munroe) Taylor, born in Milford, March 13, 1800. After the decease of her husband, she removed to Cleveland, O., where she died June 30, 1898.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Margaret A., b. Aug. 19, 1830, m. Feb. 2, 1865, George, son of Alpha and Cynthia (Wood) Richardson of Nashua. They res. in Cleveland, O.
2. Mary C., b. Jan. 2, 1833, m. Feb. 12, 1860, Marshall H., son of Charles and Louisa (Wheeler) Farnsworth of Nashua. They res. in Cleveland, O.

## DANIELS.

George Daniels, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Clark) Daniels, born in Holliston, Mass., Feb. 9, 1804, came to Milford from Manchester in 1837, and was a manufacturer of cotton goods. He resided in the brick house on South street, in the village. Married Rheny C., daughter of Jotham and Abigail (Codman) Gillis, born April 6, 1806; died July 2, 1874, by accident at the railroad crossing at East Milford. He died Feb. 6, 1881.

## CHILD.

1. Sarah Ellen (adopted), b. in Newmarket, Sept. 24, 1844, m. June 1, 1869, Thomas L., son of Thomas A. and Harriet E. (Smith) Livermore, and grandson of S. K. Livermore, Esq., formerly of Milford. They res. in Boston, Mass., where she d. April 18, 1879.

Hiram A. Daniels, son of Joseph and Susan (Fisher) Daniels, born in Franklin, Mass., Sept. 30, 1810, was a cousin of the preceding George Daniels. He came to Milford from Manchester in 1844, and removed to West Salamanca, N. Y., in 1878, where he died Feb. 9, 1881. He was a manufacturer of cotton goods. Married (1) in 1831, Syrena Emerson of Chester, died in Milford, Dec. 28, 1844; (2) Nov. 19, 1845, Susan E., daughter of Abial and Susan C. (Wade) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Sept. 17, 1820, died in Amherst, Dec. 8, 1897.

## CHILDREN.

1. Harriet, b. in Manchester, Aug. 8, 1832; m. March 19, 1857, Andrew J., son of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson; res. in Milford.

2. Benjamin Franklin, b. in Manchester; d. young.
3. Frank Mortimer, b. in Milford, Oct. 9, 1846; d. Sept. 1, 1847.
4. Ellen Sophia, b. in Milford, Oct. 23, 1848; res. in Lynnfield Centre, Mass., unm.
5. Arthur Appleton, b. in Milford, Dec. 20, 1854; d. November, 1857.

Charles A. Daniels, son of Joseph and Susan (Fisher) Daniels, born in Franklin, Mass., Aug. 30, 1820, came to Milford from Hooksett. He was agent of a cotton mill, afterwards cashier of a bank, and died in Milford, Jan. 28, 1881. Married in 1841, Sarah, daughter of Daniel S. and Mary (Parker) Ames, born in Pembroke, Oct. 7, 1818; died in Milford, Sept. 6, 1892.

#### CHILD.

1. Emma Augusta, b. in Hooksett, Oct. 15, 1843; m. April 23, 1867, De Benneville K., son of George E. and Matilda H. (Keim) Ludwig of Philadelphia, Pa., and d. there March 28, 1875.

John Daniels, son of John and Bridget (Cummings) Daniels, born in Brookline, Jan. 12, 1815, came to Milford, in 1844. He was a farmer and cooper, residing in several places in the town, and died here Jan. 11, 1892. Married April 12, 1849, Sally Jane, daughter of Peter and Sally (Duncklee) Burns, born in Milford, Oct. 6, 1811. She died Jan. 7, 1878. No children.

David L. Daniels, son of John and Sarah (Harris) Daniels, born in London, Eng., Dec. 28, 1863, came to Milford from Lowell, Mass., in 1887. He is a marble and granite worker, doing an extensive business in that industry. Married Feb. 4, 1890, Hattie D., daughter of Ira and Hattie M. (Alexander) Chase, born in Woburn, Mass., May 5, 1866.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hattie Gertrude, b. Aug. 9, 1893.
2. Maurice Leroy, b. Sept. 2, 1897.
3. Harris David, b. Oct. 31, 1899.

#### DARRACOTT.

William Darracott, born in 1769, and died June 9, 1825. He was a cooper, and resided in Milford village; first tax in 1795. Married Lydia, daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens)

Gutterson, born in Milford, Oct. 17, 1772, and died in Milford, April 7, 1819.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † William, Jr., b. June 22, 1799.
2. George B., b. Jan. 2, 1801; d. April 23, 1833, unm.
3. Lydia A., b. Oct. 18, 1802, m. May 30, 1826, James Chamberlain of Merrimack, and d. there May 27, 1836.
4. Samuel G., b. Feb. 25, 1809, and d. Jan. 20, 1815.

William Darracott, Jr., born in Milford, June 22, 1799, was a manufacturer of musical instruments in early life, and later a dentist. Resided in the village, in a house on the south side of Elm street, now occupied by his son, where he died Dec. 7, 1868. Married (1) Oct. 19, 1823, Myra, daughter of Bartholomew and Phebe (Haggett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Dec. 24, 1801, and died there Dec. 3, 1837; (2) in 1841, Caroline L., daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Rumrill) Putnam, born in Mason, Dec. 14, 1817, and died in Nashua, June 14, 1875.

## CHILDREN.

1. Samuel, b. in Milford, Feb. 12, 1825; d. Feb. 16, 1825.
2. † William, 3d, b. Dec. 8, 1826.
3. Christiana H., b. Jan. 31, 1829, m. Nov. 22, 1852, Ezekiel F., son of Matthias and Eunice (Buswell) Kimball of Gilmanton; res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. in Milford, Dec. 13, 1853.
4. George L., b. July 17, 1831, is a mechanic, res. in Milford; m. Dec. 17, 1856, Harriet M. Darracott, widow of his brother, William, 3d. No ch.
5. Albert M., b. Aug. 7, 1834.
6. † Hamilton P., b. in Wilton, Nov. 10, 1841.
7. Caroline M., b. in Wilton, April 6, 1843, m. Nov. 1, 1865, Hervey D., son of Thomas and Mary (Badger) Melendy of Milford; res. in Nashua. One dau., Anna L., b. July 30, 1866; a musician.

William Darracott, 3d, b. in Milford, Dec. 8, 1826, was a mechanic, and resided at the homestead. Married March 20, 1850, Harriet M., daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Rumrill) Putnam, born in Mason, Sept. 8, 1823. He died June 5, 1852.

## CHILD.

1. Lydia Maria, b. Sept. 9, 1850; res. with her mother, unm.

Albert M. Darracott, son of William, Jr., and Myra (Hutchinson) Darracott, born in Milford, Aug. 7, 1834, was a me-

chanic. Married July 8, 1857, Harriet E., daughter of Amos and Mary (Burns) Gutterson, born in Milford, Oct. 13, 1828. He died July 23, 1874.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emma Frances, b. April 30, 1859; d. Dec. 4, 1877.
2. Clara Francilla, b. April 11, 1871; d. March 15, 1881.

Hamilton P. Darracott, son of William and Caroline (Putnam) Darracott, born in Milford, Nov. 10, 1841, was a mechanic. Married Jan. 5, 1864, Nancy J. M., daughter of Amos and Nancy (Kimball) Clark, born in Danbury, Nov. 29, 1841. He died March 29, 1897.

## CHILD.

1. William H., b. in Milford, Aug. 20, 1864; d. March 17, 1869.

## DASCOMB.

Calvin Dascomb, son of Jacob and Rachel (Dale) Dascomb, born in Wilton, Oct. 29, 1790, came to Milford from Wilton in 1820, residing on the place in Pine valley now owned by Robert B. Cotton, where for many years he manufactured brick, beside his farming; returned to Wilton, where he died Oct. 13, 1859. Married July 23, 1820, Rachel, daughter of Eliphalet and Dorcas (Abbott) Putnam, born in Wilton, Feb. 11, 1796, and died Oct. 10, 1856.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Philip Farrington, b. May 25, 1821; d. March 18, 1841.
2. Benjamin Abbott, b. Aug. 25, 1823; d. Dec. 16, 1851.
3. Calvin Brooks, b. Aug. 18, 1825, a boot and shoemaker; m. April 6, 1854, Mary Ann Jaquith. He died Nov. 3, 1884.
4. Elizabeth Rachel, b. June 9, 1827; d. Feb. 19, 1847.
5. Eliphalet Putnam, b. Dec. 26, 1828; res. in Wilton; was a boot and shoemaker; m. Aug. 12, 1858, Abbie A. Livermore, and d. there Feb. 6, 1899.
6. Mary E. P., b. Sept. 15, 1833, was a teacher; d. March 2, 1870.
7. John Thurston, b. July 25, 1837; d. March 19, 1845.
8. John Farrington, b. Jan. 30, 1845; d. Dec. 7, 1845.

## DEARBORN.

Samuel G. Dearborn, son of Edmund and Sarah A. (Gerish) Dearborn, born in Northfield, Aug. 10, 1827, is a physi-



cian and surgeon ; came to Milford from Mont Vernon in 1853, and removed to Nashua in 1873. Married December, 1854, Henrietta M., daughter of Joseph A. and Maria J. (Bruce) Starrett, born in Mont Vernon, September, 1835, and died in Nashua, June, 1893.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Maria M., b. March, 1856; d. September, 1856.
2. Frank A., b. Sept. 21, 1857, is a physician and surgeon, res. in Nashua; m. June 16, 1892, Clara K., dau. of James M. and Eliza J. B. (Temple) Laton of Nashua.
3. Sam. S., b. Jan. 30, 1872, is a physician, res. in Nashua; m. Oct. 12, 1898, May H., dau. of John D. and Eliza H. (Frary) Chandler of Nashua.

Thomas B. Dearborn, son of Edmund and Sarah A. (Gerrish) Dearborn, born in Northfield, Sept. 25, 1838, came to Milford in 1864; was a physician and surgeon, and died there June 10, 1879. Married Sept. 25, 1873, Kate L., daughter of Judson J. and Jerusha P. (Hutchinson) Hutchinson, born in Milford, May 14, 1845. She married (2) April 18, 1892, Charles P., son of Lawrence J. and Mary Jane (Parks) Birney, born in New York city, June 19, 1849, and died in Falmouth, Mass., Jan. 6, 1899. He was a civil engineer and contractor.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Thomas Benton, Jr., b. July 12, 1874.
2. Jessie Judson, b. Sept. 26, 1875.
3. Henry Hale, b. May 12, 1877.
4. Edmund Gerrish, b. April 2, 1879.

## DICKY.

Adam Dickey, born in Francetown in 1781, and died Feb. 28, 1842; was a farmer, and resided in a house on the spot where H. H. Barber's dwelling now stands. Married Nov. 7, 1808, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Mitchell) Gordon, born in Peterborough, April 24, 1784, and died in Milford, April 12, 1869.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Gordon, b. Nov. 29, 1812, was a musician; res. in Providence, R. I., and d. there, unm.

2. Mary Isabelle, b. Sept. 10, 1814, m. April 15, 1834, Leonard Chase of Milford, and d. Dec. 16, 1843.
3. Hannah L., b. July 10, 1817, m. June 9, 1842, Abel Chase of Milford, son of Jonas and Lavina (Bayden) Chase of Millbury, Mass., and d. in Milford, Sept. 18, 1890.
4. John, b. April 8, 1820.

John Dickey, son of Adam and Mary (Gordon) Dickey, born in Milford, April 8, 1820, was a merchant. Married, Feb. 1, 1848, Jennette, daughter of Reuben and Lucy Hutchinson, born in Milford, Oct. 11, 1828. He died March 6, 1868.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Frank Gordon, b. June 24, 1852, m. April 29, 1887, Carrie M. Small of Charlestown, Mass., and res. there; is manager of the Associated Press.
2. Kate Alice, b. Feb. 1, 1858, m. Nov. 30, 1882, Frank W., son of Willard and Eliza (Pettingill) Ordway of Loudon; res. in Milford.
3. Hattie Frances, b. Nov. 28, 1867; d. April 24, 1872.

#### DODGE.

Allen Dodge, son of Dea. Elzaphan and Lavina (Dodge) Dodge, born in New Boston, Dec. 27, 1835, was employed as an overseer many years; came to Milford from New Boston in 1859, and removed to Goffstown in 1864, thence to several other places, and now res. in Lowell, Mass. Married Oct. 5, 1858, Jennie M., daughter of Col. John and Mary (Batchelder) Gregg, born in New Boston, Oct. 22, 1840.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary Belle (twin), b. in Milford, July 18, 1860; m. April 27, 1892, John P., son of Frederick and Mary (McLinden) Horner of Newton Highlands, Mass.; now res. in Lowell, Mass.
2. Ada Nellie (twin), b. in Milford, July 18, 1860; m. Sept. 10, 1884, Joseph F., son of Joseph and Abbie R. (Elliott) Conant of Beverly, Mass.; res. in Boston, Mass., where she d. Aug. 15, 1886.
3. Norman Allen, b. in Goffstown, Feb. 6, 1866; d. in Hartford, Vt., Oct. 21, 1868.
4. Jennie Mary, b. in Amherst, July 24, 1874; d. there Dec. 11, 1874.

Charles B. Dodge, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Sanders) Dodge, b. in Nashua, Sept. 15, 1848, is a merchant; came

from Mont Vernon in 1868. Married (1) Dec. 24, 1870, Hattie E., daughter of Harry H. and Malvina (Wilkins) Bragg; born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 29, 1849, and died in Milford, Aug. 2, 1873; (2) Dec. 17, 1876, Nellie J., daughter of George C. and Nancy C. (George) Fitch, born in Concord, Sept. 15, 1856, and died in Milford, April 13, 1882; (3) Nov. 21, 1883, Lizzie E., daughter of Charles H. and Mary K. (Felt) Spalding of Milford, born in Antrim, Aug. 12, 1861.

## CHILD.

1. Beatrice Carlotta, b. in Milford, Nov. 15, 1881.

## DONAGHY.

Harvey W. Donaghy, son of David and Charlotte (Ellis) Donaghy, born in Halifax, P. Q., Sept. 16, 1867, is a mechanic; came to Milford from Greenfield in 1889. Married April 16, 1889, Ella L., daughter of Alfred W. and Elizabeth I. (Felch) Savage, born in Greenfield, May 10, 1869.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harold Alfred, b. July 16, 1890.
2. Ruth Charlotte, b. Jan. 20, 1894.
3. Karl William, b. March 1, 1896.

## DONAHUE.

John F. Donahue, born in Galway, Ireland, Aug. 4, 1846, is a mechanic. Married Aug. 4, 1872, Bridget A., daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Barrett) Murphy, born in Mallow, Ireland, Aug. 10, 1850.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Francis Patrick, b. May 24, 1873, and d. Jan. 27, 1876.
2. John Edward, b. May 4, 1875, is a mechanic, and res. in Milford.
3. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 7, 1877, is a college student.
4. Walter Emmet, b. Aug. 13, 1881; d. Dec. 15, 1885.

## DOW.

Leonard B. Dow, son of Daniel and Lucy (Smith) Dow, born in Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 29, 1830, was a miller and farmer; came to Milford from Pepperell in 1869, residing about a mile from the village, near the Osgood sawmill, so

called, on the road to Mason. Removed to Springfield, Mass., in 1898, and died there March 10, 1899. Married Feb. 21, 1869, Sarah J., daughter of Calvin and Jane (Elliott) Pierce, born in Pepperell, May 16, 1834.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lucy Jane, b. April 14, 1870, is a teacher; res. in Springfield, Mass.
2. Hattie Pierce, b. May 8, 1873, is a teacher; res. in Springfield.

#### DUNBAR.

Horatio N. Dunbar, son of Rev. Elijah and Anna (Peabody) Dunbar, born in Peterborough, March 5, 1807, was a farmer, living near the schoolhouse in district No. 2; came to Milford from Peterborough in 1845, and removed to Lunenburg, Mass., in 1874, where he died March 8, 1887. Married March 19, 1840, Sarah J., daughter of Ezra and Sally (Lake) Robinson, born in Rindge, Sept. 9, 1816.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Ellen Jane, b. in Peterborough, June 30, 1841; m. in 1872, George H. Gough, and d. Dec. 26, 1893.
2. George, b. in Peterborough, Feb. 21, 1844; d. in Milford, Nov. 24, 1845.
3. Mary Ann, b. in Milford, Oct. 16, 1845; m. February, 1866, Isaac M., son of David, Jr., and Mary (Moore) Woolson of Milford; res. in Boston, Mass.
4. Charles Stearns, b. in Milford, July 23, 1848; m. January, 1879, Florence J. Pinkham of Reading, Mass.; res. in Brookline, engaged in farming.
5. Judson, b. in Milford, April 25, 1851; d. May 26, 1852.
6. Fred Nelson, b. in Milford, Feb. 13, 1854, is a merchant; m. Dec. 18, 1879, Nellie E. Cummings of Fitchburg, Mass.
7. Maria Theresa, b. in Milford, Aug. 26, 1856; m. Feb. 4, 1880, George E. Harris.

#### DUNCKLEE.

David Duncklee, son of David and Phebe (Odall) Duncklee, born in Amherst, Sept. 7, 1767, was a farmer, residing near the top of the hill long known as Duncklee hill, on the road leading to Hollis over said hill (the hill is now called Federal hill), where he died May 1, 1832. Married May 25, 1790,

Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Dorcas (Hovey) Hood, born in Topsfield, Mass., June 23, 1769, and died in Milford, July 13, 1849.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sally, b. March 7, 1791, m. Nov. 27, 1810, Peter, son of John and Grissel (Patterson) Burns of Milford, and d. there July 19, 1870.
2. Phebe, b. Oct. 19, 1792, m. Sept. 1, 1814, William, son of Thomas and Susannah (Munroe) Taylor of Milford; res. in Shirley, Mass., and d. there April 9, 1877.
3. † David, Jr., b. April 6, 1794.
4. Nancy, b. Feb. 19, 1796, m. June 1, 1819, Martin W., son of Nathan and Ruth (Waterman) Hall of Milford, and d. there July 22, 1880.
5. Asenath, b. Feb. 12, 1798, m. June 23, 1818, Ezekiel, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Potter) Goodwin of Milford; res. in Milford and Manchester, where she d. June 16, 1871.
6. † Joseph, b. Feb. 12, 1800.
7. Luther, b. July 6, 1802 (deaf and dumb); d. May 12, 1806.
8. Nellie, b. June 1, 1804, m. April 13, 1824, William D. Willoby of Hollis, and d. in Amherst, Sept. 1, 1893.
9. † Porter, b. April 16, 1806.
10. † Joel Wallingford, b. June 28, 1808.
11. Elvira, b. Feb. 3, 1811 (deaf and dumb); d. in Milford, July 5, 1819.

Daniel Dunklee, a brother of David, born in Amherst, Jan. 25, 1776, was a farmer, residing in the southeast corner of the town, on the place now owned by Job Green, where he died. Married (1) April 14, 1803, Ruth, daughter of Reuben and Eunice (——) Boutell, b. in Amherst, Jan. 21, 1771, died in Milford, Dec. 5, 1820; (2) Oct. 2, 1821, Lydia, daughter of Daniel Lund, born in Merrimack in 1769, and died in Milford, Jan. 24, 1847. He died February 24, 1856.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ruthey, b. April 22, 1805, m. April 10, 1823, Isaac, son of John H. and Betsey (Carlton) Hubbard of Hopkinton; res. in Weare, and d. in North Boscawen, Oct. 25, 1885.
2. Rebecca, b. Feb. 28, 1807, m. Curtis, son of Hezekiah and —— (Farley) Dunklee; res. in Iowa, and d. there.
3. Daniel Parker, b. Aug. 22, 1809; d. March 21, 1821.
4. Reuben Boutell, b. Sept. 20, 1811, was a cooper and teamster; res. in Chester, Vt., and d. there Dec. 13, 1896; m. May 27, 1836, Achsa, dau. of Abel and Sarah (Warner) Greeley of Weston, Vt.
5. † Ebenezer Perry, b. March 18, 1814.



David Duncklee, Jr., born in Milford, April 6, 1794, was a plow maker, and resided on the place now owned by Brooks R. Came, the residence, in the early part of the century, of Benjamin Conant. Married (1) July 16, 1816, Grissel, daughter of John and Grissel (Patterson) Burns, born in Milford, May 11, 1797, and died there June 11, 1846; (2) Mrs. Phebe Howard, born in Greenfield, and died in Milford, Sept. 7, 1886. He died Sept. 27, 1862.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † William P., b. Aug. 28, 1817.
2. Elvira, b. Aug. 26, 1819, m. Nov. 25, 1841, Benjamin, son of Stephen and Mary (Hardy) Lund of Milford; res. in Nashua.
3. David W., b. Aug. 23, 1823; d. Jan. 13, 1825.
4. John W., b. June 5, 1825; d. June 5, 1837.
5. George Wells, b. Sept. 29, 1829, was a mechanic; m. Nov. 27, 1854, Lucretia B., dau. of Franklin and Fannie (Farr) Whitney of Littleton; res. in Wilton, and d. there Dec. 29, 1879.

Joseph Duncklee, a brother of David, Jr., born in Milford, Feb. 12, 1800, was a carpenter and farmer; resided in several places in Milford and a few years in Amherst, and died in Milford, Nov. 10, 1880. Married Dec. 28, 1820, Indiana, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Farrington) Burns, born in Milford, Oct. 23, 1800, and died there Sept. 17, 1878.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Luther Francis, b. in Milford, April 22, 1821; m. a Miss Hamblett, and res. in Northfield, Conn.
2. George W., b. July 25, 1823, was a merchant res. in Milford; m. May 28, 1851, Mary, dau. of Frederic and Pamela (Tuttle) Lovejoy of Milford. They had one son, Edwin Lincoln, b. in Milford, Aug. 16, 1862, and was drowned in Lake Winnepeaukee, July 25, 1883.
3. Charles H., b. May 23, 1825, and d. July 25, 1825.
4. Adaline E., b. Sept. 30, 1828, m. George B., son of Albigeance and Lucy (Bryant) Pierce of Northfield, Vt.; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there June 8, 1878.
5. Evaline M., b. Jan. 8, 1832, m. (1) Aug. 3, 1852, James S., son of Abel Ames of Palmer, Mass.; (2) July, 1869, S. W. Dudley of Boston, Mass.; now res. in Milford.
6. Charles H., b. in Amherst, Sept. 16, 1834, is a tinsmith res. in Concord; m. (1) Dec. 16, 1855, Nancy T., dau. of Charles H. and Hannah (Hook) Flanders of Concord; (2) Nov. 13, 1869, Melissa D., dau. of Levi and Hannah (Dow) Brown of Henniker.

7. Harriett F., b. in Amherst, Aug. 11, 1838; m. Nov. 27, 1856, James A., son of Asa and Lavina (Mills) Wetherbee, and res. in Milford.
8. Henrietta J., b. in Amherst, March 23, 1844; m. (1) Sept. 1, 1865, Albert T., son of Samuel and Harriet N. (Parsons) Wade of Smithfield, Me.; (2) Sept. 10, 1889, William S., son of Thomas E. and Mary (Hawkins) Jordan of Brooksville, Fla., and res. there.

Porter Duncklee, a brother of David, Jr., born in Milford, April 16, 1806, was a farmer; resided in Milford, and Amherst, and died there Dec. 14, 1884. Married Oct. 2, 1828, Mary A., daughter of Jonathan and Achasy (Hutchinson) Buxton, born in Milford, Nov. 16, 1808, and died there Sept. 6, 1887.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Caroline Maria, b. April 11, 1832, m. Jan. 1, 1857, Stephen A., son of David McGaffey of Nashua. She res. in Milford.
2. Catherine Achasy, b. Oct. 27, 1835, is a dressmaker; res. in Milford, unm.
3. Mary Ann, b. May 29, 1840, m. June 26, 1859, Brooks R., son of Henry and Ann (Center) Came of Amherst; now res. in Milford.
4. Chastina Burns, b. Dec. 11, 1842, m. Oct. 27, 1860, John A., son of James and Mary A. (Averill) Boutell, and res. in Amherst.

Joel W. Duncklee, a brother of David, Jr., born in Milford, June 28, 1808, was a farmer and auctioneer; resided many years on a part of the homestead, and later in the village. Married (1) March 8, 1832, Lucretia, daughter of John and Anna (Woodbury) Averill, born in Mont Vernon, March 5, 1809, died in Milford, Aug. 25, 1844; (2) Dec. 11, 1844, Nancy G., daughter of Jonathan and Clarissa (Hoyt) Towne of Milford, born in Bow, Dec. 13, 1819, and now resides in Milford. He died in Milford, April 4, 1889.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Granville W., b. June 16, 1834, m. Sept. 24, 1859, Ann Abbott of Nashua; is a painter, and res. in Brockton, Mass.
2. David W., b. April 6, 1836, was for many years engaged in job teaming in Nashua; failing health required a cessation of labor, when he returned to Milford, where he now res.; m. (1) Sept. 21, 1863, Catherine Searles of West Berkshire, Vt., who

- d. in Nashua, May 15, 1876; (2) July 4, 1876, Carrie, dau. of Milton W. and Margaret Wallace of Nashua, who d. in Nashua, Feb. 25, 1882.
3. Janette, b. July 5, 1838, m. Aug. 26, 1862, Timothy B., son of James and Huldah (Peabody) Hill of Mont Vernon; res. in Milford.
  4. John, b. Sept. 11, 1840, was overseer in a cotton mill in Georgia for several years, and later in same business in Vacluse, S. C.; retiring from business, he returned to his native town, where he now res.; m. Oct. 30, 1878, Flora A., dau. of William and Susan Neal of Harpswell, Me.
  5. Jane, twin with John, b. Sept. 11, 1840; d. Oct. 9, 1840.
  6. Lucien A., b. Aug. 17, 1844, was in 16th Regt. of N. H. Vols., in war of 1861-'65; d. in Mattoon, Ill., Aug. 23, 1863.
  7. Lucretia, twin with Lucien A., b. Aug. 17, 1844, m. June 3, 1863, Rufus A., son of Rufus and Nancy (Tinkham) Peacock of Amherst.
  8. Fred Towne, b. May 10, 1853; d. Dec. 6, 1876.
  9. Elmer Ellsworth, b. Dec. 3, 1861, is a clerk, res. in Ayer, Mass.; m. Dec. 25, 1892, Ella J., dau. of William H. and Elizabeth (Gates) Graves of Aylesford, Nova Scotia.

William P. Duncklee, son of David, Jr., and Grissel (Burns) Duncklee, born in Milford, Aug. 28, 1817, is a mechanic, residing in New Haven, Conn. Married (1) May 2, 1838, Mary A., daughter of William and Lydia (Spalding) Tarbell, born in Milford, Aug. 2, 1817, and died Aug. 5, 1841; (2) April 10, 1842, Emma J., daughter of Abiel and Amy (Howard) Wilkins, born in Mont Vernon, Aug. 5, 1820, and died in Wilton, July 17, 1854; (3) Dec. 16, 1855, Eunice B. Chumard, born in Canaan, Pa., Nov. 25, 1831, and died in Rensselaer, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1892.

#### CHILDREN.

1. George Franklin, b. in Wilton, Jan. 7, 1858; d. June 8, 1863.
2. Albert, b. in Wilton, Feb. 21, 1862; d. June 15, 1863.
3. Bertha, b. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1865; m. Sept. 26, 1883, John H., son of John L. and Janette (Gardner) Pangburn of Asbury Park, N. J., and res. in New Haven, Conn.
4. William Clark, b. in Milford, June 24, 1867, is a clerk; m. June 16, 1892, Mary, dau. of Edgar and Margaret (Kinnier) Post of Scranton, Pa., and res. there.
5. Francis P., b. in Wilton, Aug. 18, 1872, is a clerk; res. in Pitts-  
ton, Pa., unm.

Ebenezer Perry Duncklee, son of Daniel and Ruth (Boutell) Duncklee, born in Milford, March 18, 1814, resided on the homestead now owned by Job Green; removed to Hollis prior to 1859, and died there June 1, 1869. Married Oct. 15, 1835, Roanna, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Jackson) Keyes, born in Ludlow, Vt., Aug. 19, 1811, and died March 21, 1889.

## CHILDREN.

1. Saloma Abigail, b. in Milford, Oct. 9, 1833; m. Feb. 3, 1857, N. A. Lawrence of Pepperell, Mass., and d. there June 25, 1860.
2. Lorenzo Perry, b. in Milford, March 29, 1839, is a contractor; m. Feb. 3, 1861, Lydia F. Tinker of Nashua, and res. there.
3. Mary Almira, b. in Milford, Jan. 12, 1842; m. May 12, 1867, Albert L. Ellis of Nashua, and res. in Fitzwilliam.
4. Byron Sibley, b. in Milford, Aug. 7, 1844; d. in Hollis, July 12, 1859.
5. Ellen Augusta, b. in Milford, Jan. 25, 1846; m. (1) March 26, 1864, Milan L. Tinker of Nashua; (2) Oct. 4, 1866, Alva G. Tinker of Nashua.
6. Charles Elbridge, b. in Milford, Oct. 20, 1848; m. March 3, 1877, Flora G. Jones of Nashua, and res. in Grafton.
7. † Willis Ozro, b. in Milford, May 24, 1851.
8. John Henry, b. in Pepperell, Mass., March 3, 1854; d. in Hollis, Feb. 22, 1862.
9. Fred Harlan, b. in Hollis, Oct. 14, 1857; d. April 4, 1858.
10. Eugene Bridane, b. in Hollis, Feb. 11, 1860; m. Nov. 3, 1881, Christine Snyder of Harmony, Wis. They res. in Nashua.

Willis O. Duncklee, son of Ebenezer Perry and Roanna (Keyes) Duncklee, born in Milford, May 24, 1851, is a farmer, residing on North street, leading off from Amherst road. Married Feb. 26, 1880, Ada Melinda, daughter of Daniel T. and Melinda A. (Needham) Lakin, born in Hancock, Sept. 14, 1849.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN HARMONY, WIS.

1. Son, b. June 21, 1881; d. June 23, 1881.
2. Elmer Ross, b. Jan. 6, 1885.
3. Lester Alvah, b. July 7, 1888.

## DUTTON.

Reed Dutton, son of William and Susannah (Reed) Dutton, born in Lyndeborough, April 12, 1803, was a farmer and mechanic, and for a time justice of the peace. He came to

Milford from New Ipswich in 1844, and resided in the stone house a short distance out of the village, on the road to Nashua, where he died June 19, 1880. Married (1) Oct. 26, 1828, Betsey, daughter of Samuel and Lois (Goodrich) Burnap, born in Temple, June 20, 1804; (2) April 4, 1844, Betsey, daughter of Timothy and Betsey (Peacock) Wheeler, born in Amherst, April 9, 1814, and died in Milford, July 11, 1891.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Lois Goodrich, b. in Rindge, June 19, 1830; m. May 31, 1848, Abram G., son of Benjamin and Sally (Gibson) Lawrence of Ashby, Mass., and res. in Fitchburg, Mass.
2. † Andrew J., b. in Milford, April 26, 1845.
3. Erronette R., b. in Milford, Oct. 20, 1846, is a farmer; res. there, unm.
4. Myrandie W., b. in Milford, Aug. 5, 1848; d. Oct. 18, 1849.
5. Eliza A., b. in Milford, Aug. 6, 1850; m. Aug. 5, 1869, Leroy L. Talbott of Milford, and res. there.
6. † Frank Peacock, b. in Milford, Sept. 28, 1852.

Andrew J. Dutton, son of Reed and Betsey (Wheeler) Dutton, born in Milford, April 26, 1845, is a farmer, residing about a mile from Milford village, on the road to Nashua. Married (1) Oct. 3, 1867, Eliza F., daughter of John L. and Lucy A. (Green) Reed, born in Merrimack, May 17, 1854; (2) Jan. 16, 1884, Ella J., daughter of John and Hannah (Whiting) Bragg, born in Wilton, Jan. 22, 1849.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Eugene Andrew, b. Nov. 3, 1870.
2. Harvey Langdon, b. Sept. 10, 1873; d. April 13, 1876.
3. Reed, b. Oct. 8, 1878; d. March 3, 1884.
4. Warren Wheeler, b. Oct. 3, 1880; d. March 9, 1884.
5. Arthur Francis, b. April 11, 1882.

Frank P. Dutton, son of Reed and Betsey (Wheeler) Dutton, born in Milford, Sept. 28, 1852, is a farmer, residing at the homestead. Married Oct. 24, 1874, Ellen C., daughter of Willard and Clarissa (Lovejoy) French, born in Wilton, July 14, 1850.

#### CHILD.

1. William Frank, b. in Milford, Dec. 4, 1883.



Eugene A. Dutton, son of Andrew J. and Eliza F. (Reed) Dutton, born in Milford, Nov. 3, 1870, is a painter. Married June 15, 1892, Margaret M. J., daughter of Dennis and Mary F. (Dunlea) Caulfield of Milford, born in Boston, Mass., March 28, 1871.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Francis Joseph, b. Oct. 10, 1893.
2. Andrew E., b. Feb. 25, 1895.
3. Mark A., b. Oct. 7, 1896.
4. John Thomas, b. Oct. 19, 1898.

Reuben Dutton, son of Benjamin and Nancy (Clark) Dutton, born in Lyndeborough, May 18, 1804, was a farmer, and resided on South street, very near the Fitchburg railroad. Married Aug. 5, 1852, Sarah E., daughter of John and Polly (Robinson) Grimes, born in Francestown, March 30, 1826. He died March 8, 1889, and the widow has removed from the place.

## CHILD.

1. Laurette May, b. in Bedford, Nov. 18, 1855; m. July 6, 1887, Rev. Jonathan Greenlief, son of Elisha Scott and Sarah J. (Greenlief) Young of Brooklyn, N. Y. His name was changed when a boy to Jonathan Greenlief, by which name he is now known.

## EASTER.

Frank G. Easter, son of George and Mary (Daniels) Easter, born in Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 29, 1869, is a carver. Married May 30, 1893, Myrtie A., daughter of Daniel and Ann J. (Hutchinson) Sargent, born in Mont Vernon, April 21, 1869.

## CHILD.

1. Beth, b. in Milford, Dec. 1, 1893.

## EASTON.

William P. Easton, son of William and Mary (Tippit) Easton, born in Plymouth, Eng., July 4, 1824, came to Milford from New Orleans in 1850. Married April 8, 1852, Hannah M., daughter of Tyler and Sally (Rockwood) Towne, born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1833.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lizzie Chase, b. Dec. 28, 1853, m. March 23, 1876, Thomas J., son of James and Sally C. (Thorner) Gwynn of Salem, Mass., and res. there.
2. William Franklin, b. March 20, 1856, is an engineer, res. in Wilton; m. Dec. 25, 1880, Lillia A., dau. of John and Amanda (Wilson) Carlton of Mont Vernon.
3. James Walter, b. Oct. 12, 1858, is a farmer; res. in Milford, unm.
4. Charles Peake, b. April 9, 1861, is a laborer; res. in Milford, unm.
5. Mary Rockwood, b. Jan. 2, 1864, m. May 3, 1888, William H., son of William H. and Clarissa J. (Osborne) Wilson of Manchester; res. in Milford.
6. Abbie Flora, b. April 29, 1866; d. May 26, 1867.

## EATON.

Joseph F. Eaton, son of Nathan and Ruth (Bagley) Eaton, born in East Kingston, Dec. 14, 1831, was a painter; came to Milford from Lynn, Mass., in 1868, and returned to Lynn in 1884. Married (1) Mary L., daughter of John A. and Abigail (Mace) Holmes of East Redfield, Me., born April 19, 1832, and died there May 22, 1863; (2) Nov. 2, 1864, Mary F., daughter of Charles P. and Jane (Drew) Barry, born in Lynn, Mass., Sept. 21, 1833. He died in Merrimack, Mass., April 3, 1895.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank H., b. in Livermore, Me., May 7, 1856, and d. there Feb. 10, 1857.
2. George H., b. in East Redfield, Me., Feb. 16, 1859, came to Milford when a boy, with his father; is a painter; m. June 24, 1884, Nellie C., dau. of Granville and Martha (Marcy) Turner of Milford, and still res. there. They have one child, Amy Marcy, b. Dec. 14, 1899.

## ELDREDGE.

## ANCESTORS OF DR. HEZEKIAH ELDREDGE.

1. Dea. Mulford Eldredge went from Cape Cod to Connecticut.
2. Hezekiah, son of the above, of Ashford, Conn., married Abigail, daughter of Elijah Whiton, Esq., of Winchendon, Mass.

3. Micah, son of Hezekiah and Abigail (Whiton) Eldredge, was born May 24, 1776.

1. Joseph Buttrick and his son Tilly were in the militia engaged in the Concord fight, April 19, 1775, under the command of his younger brother, Maj. John Buttrick.

2. Tilly Buttrick, son of Joseph and Abigail (Brown) Buttrick, married Abigail, daughter of Ezekiel Hale of Dracut, Mass. Their daughter Sally was born May 21, 1779, and married Micah Eldredge; their son Hezekiah, born Feb. 6, 1798, was a physician, and settled in Milford.

Hezekiah Eldredge, son of Micah and Sally (Buttrick) Eldredge, born in Princeton, Mass., Feb. 6, 1798, was a physician, and came to Milford from Amesbury, Mass., in 1848. He died in Milford, Jan. 25, 1870. Married (1) May 11, 1828, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret (Shattuck) Bennett, born in Dunstable, Mass., Oct. 13, 1800, and died in Amesbury, April 6, 1846; (2) Nov. 1, 1846, Louisa C., daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Cushing) Eastman, of Amherst, born in Concord, April 16, 1813, and died in Amherst, Dec. 11, 1896.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Lucius O., b. in Dunstable, Mass., April 27, 1827; d. in Milford, Aug. 16, 1871, unm.
2. Erasmus D., b. in Dunstable, Mass., Dec. 19, 1829; d. in Toledo, O., March 8, 1866, unm.
3. Frederick A., b. in Pembroke, Sept. 28, 1837, is a physician, res. at Berlin Heights, O.; m. March 4, 1867, Eliza R., dau. of John and Eunice (Harding) Crowell of Toledo, O.
4. Sarah Louisa, b. in Milford, Dec. 10, 1852; d. there Aug. 19, 1854.
5. After the death of the last named, a little one named Sarah Louise, b. in Lowell, Mass., June 4, 1852, was adopted, who d. in Milford, Feb. 22, 1856.

#### EMERSON.

Sumner B. Emerson, son of William and Eveline (Putnam) Emerson, b. in Wilton, Feb. 25, 1834, is a manufacturer of and dealer in furniture. He came to Milford when a young man, and worked in the furniture shop for many years, en-

gaging in business for himself. He removed to Brattleboro, Vt., for an increase in the manufacturing department, and still retaining his business in Milford in charge of his son, has since built a handsome three-story block to accommodate his increasing business. Served on the board of selectmen in 1876-'77. Married May 23, 1858, Martha A., daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Wilson) Bales, b. in Wilton, Oct. 2, 1838.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harry Leon, b. June 18, 1859, is a dealer in furniture, residing in Brattleboro, Vt.; m. April 7, 1887, Adele, dau. of Elbridge W. and Mary E. (Aldrich) Chickering of Brattleboro.
2. Bertha Louise, b. April 18, 1861, m. June 13, 1889, Alfred E., son of Levi A. and Susan A. (Hutchinson) Turner of Watertown, Mass., and res. there.
3. Helen May, b. Sept. 16, 1864, m. Oct. 26, 1899, Leroy F., son of Lucius F. and Clorinda (Winchester) Adams of Marlboro, Vt. They res. in Brattleboro.
4. † Charles Sumner, b. April 2, 1866.
5. Kenneth Bales, b. Jan. 18, 1868, is a salesman; res. in Brattleboro, unm.
6. Maud Lenora, b. May 20, 1870, is a teacher; res. in Brattleboro, unm.
7. Edith Elsie, b. Jan. 27, 1872, was a nurse; d. in Boston, Mass., Jan. 28, 1899.
8. Grace Martha, b. Aug. 16, 1874, is a teacher; res. in Brattleboro, unm.

Willis K. Emerson, a brother of Sumner B., born in Wilton, April 10, 1849, is a manufacturer; came to Milford when young, working in the furniture shop for many years. Married Sept. 13, 1874, Martha J., daughter of Rev. John Q. A. and Emily (Heald) Ware, born in Sanbornton, Dec. 25, 1853.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Arthur Wallace, b. Aug. 13, 1878.
2. Leon Ware, b. July 7, 1881.

Charles S. Emerson, son of Sumner B. and Martha A. (Bales) Emerson, born in Milford, April 2, 1866, is engaged with his father in the manufacture and sale of furniture. Married June 13, 1889, Estella F., daughter of Frank I. and Susan E. (Farley) Abbott, born in Milford, Aug. 16, 1869.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Dean Abbot, b. April 26, 1892.
2. Sumner Brooks, b. Jan. 3, 1895.

## EMERY.

Albert H. Emery, son of Richard and Mary (Gray) Emery, born in Chester, Feb. 12, 1858, was a mechanic; came to Milford from Lyndeborough in 1888. Married May 11, 1877, Abbie E., daughter of James and Anstis (Parker) Draper, born in Greenfield, April 29, 1860. He died in Milford, April 9, 1894.

## CHILDREN.

1. Anstis Estella, b. in Greenfield, March 23, 1881; m. Dec. 7, 1898, Clarence E., son of James and Betsey (McQuesten) Sanderson of Milford; res. there.
2. Etta Asenath, b. in Lyndeborough, June 10, 1883.
3. Albert James, b. in Lyndeborough, Dec. 5, 1886.
4. Walter Forman, b. in Milford, July 7, 1890.
5. George William, b. in Milford, July 2, 1892.

## EPPS.

Henry D. Epps, son of Nehemiah and Eliza (Farrington) Epps, born in Francestown, July 14, 1835, came to Milford in 1882, and is a hotel keeper. Married (1) April 20, 1857, Cynthia A. C., daughter of Luther and Hannah W. (Sawtelle) Hardy, born in Hollis, April 19, 1836, and died in Milford, Oct. 28, 1883; (2) April 30, 1890, Maria A., daughter of S. Gilman and Lucinda S. (Carr) Dodge, born in Bennington, March 12, 1858.

## CHILDREN, ALL BUT ONE BORN IN FRANCESTOWN.

1. Mary Lizzie, b. April 9, 1859, is a teacher, res. in Milford.
2. Charles Henry, b. September, 1860; d. July, 1862.
3. Anna Luetta, b. Nov. 9, 1862, m. Oct. 6, 1886, Edward S., son of David and Mary E. (Stone) Heald; res. in Milford.
4. Myrtie Louisa, b. June 19, 1867; d. in Wilton, Dec. 31, 1872.
5. Emma Josephine, b. Feb. 16, 1869, is a bookkeeper; res. in Milford, unm.
6. John Luther, b. in Wilton, March 2, 1873, is a mechanic.
7. Richard D., b. Aug. 25, 1874, is a fish dealer; m. June 23, 1897, Minnie G. Smith of Milford, and res. there.
8. Ina May, b. Dec. 2, 1876; d. September, 1877.



## FARNSWORTH.

Thomas T. Farnsworth, son of Samuel and Hannah (Treadwell) Farnsworth, born in Harvard, Mass., April 29, 1792, was a hotel keeper, residing in Groton, Mass. Served on the board of selectmen for a time, and removed to Milford in 1846. Married (1) in 1823, Lydia C., daughter of Winslow and Alice (Cushing) Brigham, born in Northboro, Mass., Aug. 11, 1799, and died in Worcester, Mass., March 17, 1837; (2) Sept. 24, 1837, Lucy B., daughter of Seth and Alice (Brigham) Rice, born in Boylston, Mass., April 21, 1813. Now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lydia Augusta, b. in Groton, Mass., July 31, 1838; m. May 26, 1863, Charles P. Whitney, a merchant, res. in Milford.
2. Lucy Jane, b. in Groton, Mass., July 9, 1840; m. July 1, 1879, Sauren J. Blanpied, a teacher, res. in Montpelier, Vt.
3. Thomas Henry, b. in Groton, Mass., Sept. 4, 1843, was a hotel keeper, res. in Cambridge, Mass., and d. there Feb. 20, 1893.
4. George Edwin, b. in Milford, May 12, 1846; d. Jan. 23, 1869.
5. Georgianna Maria, b. in Milford, May 12, 1846; d. Oct. 8, 1846.
6. † Fred Winslow, b. in Milford, Nov. 8, 1854.
7. Alice Maria, b. in Milford, Jan. 5, 1857, is a teacher; res. in Milford, unm.

Fred W. Farnsworth, son of Thomas T. and Lucy B. (Rice) Farnsworth, born in Milford, Nov. 8, 1854, was for many years a teacher; is now a merchant. Is a member of the board of education on his third term. Married June 9, 1885, Emlie M., daughter of Morris and Martha L. (Allbright) Herschler, born in Red Wing, Minn., April 22, 1864. They reside in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Hazel Augusta, b. in Red Wing, Minn., May 5, 1886.
2. Emlie Brigham, b. in Red Wing, Minn., May 24, 1887.
3. Harold Treadwell, b. in Milford, Sept. 6, 1889.
4. Kenneth Allbright, b. in Milford, Nov. 23, 1897.

## FARWELL.

Jonathan Farwell, son of Capt. Henry and Sarah Farwell, born in Groton, Mass., Dec. 6, 1767, was a farmer, coming to Milford from Groton in 1806. He resided on the road to

Wilton, and died there April 1, 1845. Married Sybil Sawtelle, who died in Milford, March 25, 1839, aged 75.

## CHILDREN.

1. Clara, b. in Groton, Mass., May 16, 1802; m. Sept. 11, 1823, Daniel, son of Napthali and Hannah (Steele) May of Milford; d. in Hudson, Mass., March 13, 1887.
2. † James B., b. in Groton, Mass., May 11, 1805.
3. Abigail, b. in Milford, April 18, 1807; m. Nov. 8, 1836, Albion, son of Moses and Susannah L. (Barron) Squires of Milford; res. in Wilton, and d. there Oct. 31, 1845.

James B. Farwell, son of Jonathan and Sybil (Sawtelle) Farwell, born in Groton, Mass., May 11, 1805, came to Milford with his parents the next year; was a farmer, and resided on the Wilton road until a few years before his decease, when he removed to the village, where he died Aug. 14, 1879. Married Dec. 30, 1828, Sophia, daughter of Reuben and Lucy (Hutchinson) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Sept. 12, 1810, and died there March 12, 1878.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Adaline Sophia, b. July 20, 1883, m. May 21, 1857, Rodney, son of Gilbert and Nancy (Stiles) Tapley of Milford, and still res. there.
2. Henry, b. Feb. 19, 1835; d. Feb. 13, 1857.
3. Caroline Jennette, b. Feb. 21, 1837, m. Nov. 1, 1882, Henry E., son of Leonard and Hannah (Steele) Pettingill of Wilton, and res. there.
4. † George Clifton, b. April 3, 1839.
5. Lucy Ann, b. April 10, 1841, m. Dec. 7, 1865, Franklin H., son of Caleb and Lucy (Stimpson) Sawtelle of Milford; res. in Brookfield, Mass., and d. there April 20, 1893.
6. Josephine H., b. May 16, 1843, m. Feb. 4, 1868, George T., son of Samuel and Olive (Clark) Jones of Lyndeborough, and res. in Fitchburg, Mass.
7. James N., b. April 8, 1846, clerk; m. March 16, 1867, Mary, dau. of James and Sarah (Dodge) Sawyer of Greenfield, and res. in Worcester, Mass.
8. Hannah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 15, 1849, m. Nov. 11, 1874, George S., son of Moses A. and Ruth (Conant) Cheever of Westboro, Mass.; res. in Spencer, Mass., and d. there July 12, 1885.

George C. Farwell, son of James B. and Sophia (Hutchinson) Farwell, born in Milford, April 3, 1839, was a harness maker;

resided there, and died Aug. 11, 1888. Married May 30, 1867, Hattie L., daughter of Augustus B. and Mary A. (Emerson) French, born in Mont Vernon, Nov. 17, 1842; resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fred Augustus, b. Feb. 10, 1869, m. July 19, 1899, Amelia Lucy, dau. of William and Annie S. (Hodgkiss) Melendy, b. in Amherst, Dec. 25, 1871.
2. Henry Leon, b. April 22, 1875.

#### FAY.

James H. Fay, son of Edward M. and Betsey (Curley) Fay, born in Sutton, P. Q., Aug. 31, 1845, came to Milford in 1877 from New Ipswich; is a tin peddler. He has been supervisor of check-list and collector of taxes. Married March 25, 1873, Mary J., daughter of Lewis and Linda (Sanborn) Thompson, born in Chelsea, Vt., June 10, 1842.

#### CHILD.

1. Walter H., b. April 17, 1879, and d. Sept. 30, 1880.

#### FELCH.

Preston Felch, son of Samuel C. and Mary I. (Stone) Felch, born in Baldwinsville, Mass., May 17, 1850, is a mechanic, coming to Milford from Winchendon, Mass., in 1878. Married July 19, 1880, Emily S., daughter of William M. and Charlotte E. (Timson) Holmes, born in Plymouth, Mass., July 5, 1852.

#### CHILD.

1. Elmer Thomas, b. in Milford, July 23, 1886.

#### FESSENDEN.

Edwin A. Fessenden, son of Solomon and Hannah (Flagg) Fessenden, born in Townsend, Mass., June 4, 1828, is a baker; came to Milford from Wilton in 1886. Married (1) May 11, 1850, Hannah M., daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (—) Millett, born in Reading, Mass., March 29, 1834; (2) Nov. 19, 1867, Polly A., widow of Luther A. Shattuck and daughter of Elisha D. and Sarah (Dix) Barber, born in Townsend, April 29, 1832.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN WINCHESTER, MASS.

1. Joseph Millett, b. Feb. 9, 1852; d. in Wilton, March 16, 1870.
2. † George Clarence, b. Jan. 1, 1854.
3. Alice Irene, b. July 25, 1857, m. June 5, 1878, Fred, son of David and Lucinda (Matthews) Hunt of Hancock. They res. in Peterborough.
4. Emily Louise, b. Jan. 7, 1860, m. February, 1886, Walter R. Lawton of Mount Desert, Me.; res. in Malden, Mass., and d. there April 3, 1894.

George C. Fessenden, son of Edwin A. and Hannah (Millett) Fessenden, born in Winchester, Mass., Jan. 1, 1854, is a baker; came to Milford with his father in 1886 from Wilton. Married Dec. 31, 1872, Lura A., daughter of Luther A. and Polly A. (Barber) Shattuck, born in Townsend, Mass., March 18, 1857.

## CHILDREN.

1. Annie Luella, b. in Wilton, June 12, 1874; m. Oct. 8, 1896, Leon Z., son of Eli P. and Sarah L. (Barrett) Watkins of Milford, and res. there.
2. Eva Bernice, b. in Wilton, Dec. 27, 1875.
3. Louise Adelaide, b. in Wilton, Sept. 10, 1880, and d. there Aug. 8, 1881.
4. Charles Edwin, b. in Wilton, April 7, 1884.
5. Claud Bernard, b. in Milford, June 28, 1895.

## FIELDS.

Joshua E. Fields, son of Smith E. and Mary (Moses) Fields, born in Merrimack, April 1, 1844, was a quarryman; came to Milford from Merrimack in 1866, and died there July 8, 1895, the result of an accidental discharge of powder in store at a quarry in Amherst. Married Dec. 12, 1866, Fidelia E., daughter of Horace and Elizabeth (Farley) Fields, born in Hollis, Sept. 24, 1844.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Orrin, b. in Nashua, Nov. 4, 1867, and d. there March 30, 1870.
2. Fred Emerson, b. in Milford, June 23, 1871, is a clerk; m. Aug. 7, 1895, Lilla A., dau. of Nathaniel L. and Nancy A. (Towne) Parker of Milford, and res. there.

## FIFIELD.

Abraham Fifield, son of Abram and Polly (Boynton) Fifield, born in Weare, Jan. 2, 1807, was a carpenter, residing in Lowell, Mass., for many years, coming to Milford from there in 1849, and died in Milford, Feb. 21, 1889. Married Jan. 23, 1831, Betsey, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby, born in Milford, Feb. 26, 1812, and died there Nov. 16, 1888.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN LOWELL, MASS.

1. Charles A., b. Nov. 3, 1833, was a railroad conductor; res. in Lafayette, Ind., and d. there April 24, 1884; m. Alice Pierce of that place.
2. Warren F., b. April 23, 1837; d. June 6, 1840.
3. Harriet M., b. Oct. 20, 1844; d. June 30, 1846.
4. Jennie Eliza, b. Aug. 13, 1848, m. June 23, 1875, Charles F., son of Frederic H. and Harriet N. (Marden) Ober of Nashua. He is a physician, and they res. in Milford.

## FISHER.

Joseph H. Fisher, son of Peter and Mary (Hawes) Fisher, born in Franklin, Mass., Feb. 5, 1820. Was a farmer, coming to Milford in 1862. Married Jan. 1, 1840, Mary A. Adams, born in Medfield, Mass., Feb. 1, 1820, and died in Milford, May 27, 1892. He died April 30, 1891.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN EAST MEDWAY, MASS.

1. Mary A., b. Nov. 30, 1840; d. Nov. 26, 1841.
2. Francis Adams, b. Sept. 30, 1842; was a photographer, res. in Concord, where he d. May 30, 1873; m. May 6, 1867, Melissa J., dau. of John D. and Margaret (Ames) Cochran of Milford.
3. William Edwin, b. Dec. 20, 1853; d. in Milford, April 2, 1872.

Theron P. Fisher, son of Moses Fisher, born in Frances-town, July 10, 1855. Resided in Milford a few years, engaged in farming. Now resides in Methuen, Mass., employed in a grocery store. Married June 1, 1881, Abby E., daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Wright) Lovejoy, born in Milford, March 17, 1862.

## CHILDREN.

1. Bertha Theresa, b. in Norwalk, O., Jan. 1, 1883.
2. Fred Lovejoy, b. in Milford, Dec. 21, 1884.



3. Marion Elizabeth, b. in Tyngsboro, Mass., Oct. 29, 1888.
4. Ruth Persis, b. in Methuen, Mass., Aug. 29, 1891.
5. Evelyn Emma, b. in Methuen, Mass., June 16, 1895.

Phineas Gage Fisher, son of Asa and Mary (Gage) Fisher, born in Sutton, March 31, 1827. Is a farmer, residing on the place formerly owned by Leonard Brooks, on the road to Nashua. Came to Milford from Sunapee in 1883. Married Nov. 27, 1850, Caroline M., daughter of John and Mary (Chandler) Dickinson, born in Weathersfield, Vt., Sept. 5, 1825, and died in Milford, Jan. 21, 1898.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edwin Clarence, b. in Claremont, Jan. 22, 1852; is a physician, residing in Sunapee; m. Nov. 8, 1876, Anna, dau. of John and Sarah (Thompson) Young of Sunapee.
2. George Willie, b. in Claremont, Aug. 15, 1853; is a merchant, res. in Elm Creek, Neb.; m. Feb. 6, 1878, Emma Leek.
3. Herbert Stanley; is a farmer, res. in Milford; m. Jan. 29, 1890, Mattie, dau. of Hosea and Lydia (Hawkins) Brown of Minneapolis, Minn.
4. † Asa John, b. in Sutton, Sept. 5, 1861.
5. Clara Etta, b. in Sutton, July 23, 1864; m. Feb. 19, 1884, Elber R. Cutts, and res. in Milford.

Joel H. Fisher, son of Asa and Mary (Gage) Fisher, born in Sutton, Oct. 28, 1835. Is a retired farmer. Came to Milford from Amherst in 1885, residing in the village. Married March 4, 1857, Angeline C., daughter of Harvey and Abigail (Brockway) Spalding, born in Washington, July 19, 1835.

## CHILDREN.

1. Cora Belle, b. in Newbury, Aug. 7, 1860; m. Aug. 7, 1885, George E., son of Francis W. and Olivia C. (Howland) Holbrook of Amherst; res. there, and d. March 5, 1894.
2. Emma Grace, b. in Washington, March 9, 1868; m. Nov. 30, 1889, George W., son of Nathan T. and Mary J. (Upton) Taylor of Milford, and res. there.

Asa J. Fisher, son of Phineas Gage and Caroline M. (Dickinson) Fisher, born in Sutton, Sept. 5, 1861. Is a farmer with a large stock of poultry. Came to Milford with his father in 1883, and resides on same farm. Married July

24, 1887, Vinnie A., daughter of Erastus D. and Lydia M. (Colburn) Towne, born in Pepperell, Mass., Aug. 10, 1862.

#### CHILD.

1. Amy Lydia, b. in Milford, Nov. 26, 1891.

#### FISKE.

Charles F. Fiske, son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Heald) Fiske, born in Temple, Dec. 2, 1832. Is a dentist. Came to Milford from Cambridge, Mass., in 1868. Married Nov. 24, 1863, Emma S., daughter of Mark and Eliza (Cragin) Bailey, born in Greenfield, Oct. 14, 1836, and died in Milford, Dec. 2, 1894.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Josephine, b. in Cambridge, Mass., July 3, 1867; was a teacher for several years; res. in Milford; unm.
2. John Farley Dunklee, b. in Milford, Jan. 8, 1873; d. there Aug. 6, 1873.
3. Henry Martin, b. in Milford, Aug. 26, 1875; is a dentist, and res. in Milford.

#### FITCH.

Walker R. Fitch, son of Josiah and Betsey C. (Greenwood) Fitch, born in Marlborough, Aug. 21, 1831. Is a farmer, residing many years on the farm formerly owned by Deacon Ebenezer Pearson, on the road to Lyndeborough and near to line of the two towns. Now resides in Milford village. Married (1) Nov. 19, 1853, Rachel Cordelia, daughter of Eben Cox, born in Calais, Vt., March 10, 1834, and died in Nashua, Sept. 11, 1856; (2) Sept. 3, 1857, Nancy J., daughter of Peter and Nancy (Goodell) Clark, born in Milford, June 17, 1835.

#### CHILDREN, ALL BUT FIRST BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harry Arthur, b. in Nashua, May 20, 1856; m. Jan. 1, 1882, Flora E. Gould of Montpelier, Vt., and res. there.
2. † Chester Clark, b. July 17, 1858.
3. Ellen Cordelia, b. Dec. 7, 1860, and d. in Keene, Nov. 1, 1892.
4. Fred Clyde, b. Jan. 8, 1863; is a farmer, res. on the farm formerly owned by his father, with his brother John; unm.
5. † John Albert, born Jan. 12, 1866.
6. Ethan Ernest, b. Jan. 29, 1874, and d. in Milford, Sept. 19, 1877.

Chester C. Fitch, son of Walker R. and Nancy J. (Clark) Fitch, born in Milford, July 17, 1858. Is farming and raising poultry. Resides on farm formerly owned by Andrew Burnham, and later by Freeman Hutchinson. Married April 26, 1882, Clara J., daughter of John and Elvira (Burns) Towne, born in Milford, Sept. 22, 1858.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Addie Belle, b. Oct. 26, 1883.
2. Bertha Marion, b. March 29, 1889.
3. Harold Earle, b. Feb. 19, 1893.
4. Helen Earlene, b. Feb. 19, 1893.

John A. Fitch, son of Walker R. and Nancy J. (Clark) Fitch, born in Milford, Jan. 12, 1866. Is farming and raising poultry on farm formerly owned by his father. Married July 16, 1891, Phebe S., daughter of John A. J. and Sarah M. (Smith) Moore, born in Warwick, Mass., March 5, 1872.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Wallace Albert, b. May 24, 1892.
2. Guy Winfred, b. Sept. 9, 1894.
3. Gertrude Irene, b. Aug. 7, 1898.

## FLINN.

Jacob Flinn, born in Wilmington, Mass., Sept. 1, 1757, was a farmer, residing on the place afterward owned by Charles A. Burns and now owned by Thomas Bishop, settling there in 1778. Married (1) March 24, 1778, Mary Pearsons, born in Wilmington, Jan. 16, 1756, and died in Milford, May 15, 1797; (2) Edna, born 1759, and died Oct. 9, 1818; (3) June 27, 1820, Abigail J. Burns, widow of Samuel Burns, and daughter of Jonathan Jones, born in 1782, and died in Milford, Nov. 19, 1854. He died Oct. 28, 1827.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary, b. July 25, 1779; m. (1) Nov. 17, 1796, James, son of Amos Coburn of Wilton; (2) Nov. 2, 1809, Isaac, son of Samuel Spalding of Wilton; (3) Nathan Merrill of Milford; d. in Wilton, Feb. 24, 1856.
2. Jacob, Jr., b. June 25, 1781, and d. Feb. 20, 1784.
3. Jacob, Jr., b. Jan. 9, 1785; m. June 16, 1811, Mary Burnam of Milford; res. in Dorchester, Mass., and d. there May 25, 1847.
- 4.† Loammi, b. Sept. 3, 1788.

5. Catherine P., b. Oct. 7, 1795; m. May 10, 1812, Solomon, son of Samuel and Mary (Wilkins) Hutchinson of Wilton, res. in Nashua and d. there Aug. 29, 1883.

Loammi Flinn, son of Jacob and Mary (Pearsons) Flinn, born in Milford, Sept. 3, 1788, was a carpenter. Resided in Milford and died there April 3, 1838. Married Sept. 27, 1808, Betsey, daughter of Samuel and Edna (Gould) Stiles, born in Boxford, Mass., Dec. 22, 1784, and died in Lowell, Mass., May 21, 1866.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Walter, b. June 21, 1809, was a ship carpenter; res. in Mullet Lake, Mich., and d. in Cheboygan, Mich., July 25, 1863; m. April 24, 1838, Harriet, dau. of Lewis and Mary L. (Waybonish) Spooner of Mackinaw Island, Mich.
2. Eliza Taylor, b. Dec. 31, 1811; m. May 8, 1834, Horace C., son of Abiather and Freelope (Hawkins) Dean of Lowell, Mass.; res. in Chelmsford, Mass., and d. there March 17, 1894.
3. Edna Gould, b. Oct. 30, 1814; m. May 11, 1834, Joseph H., son of Humphrey and Keziah (Smith) Peabody of Milford; res. in Fitchburg, Mass., and d. there Jan. 13, 1886.
4. Samuel, b. Nov. 13, 1817, was a tailor; res. in Woburn, Mass., and d. in Worcester, Mass., April 4, 1867; m. Feb. 6, 1842, Paulono, dau. of William and Rhoda (Butters) Fay of Woburn.
5. Anna P., b. Jan. 16, 1819, d. in Milford, Dec. 22, 1835.
6. John Stiles, b. Nov. 9, 1821, was a sailor; res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. there Nov. 19, 1854; m. Nov. 27, 1845, Margaret B. Farrington, of Fryeburg, Me.
7. Maria Theresa, b. July 21, 1824; m. March 18, 1846, Luther, son of Humphrey and Keziah (Smith) Peabody of Milford; res. in Wilton and d. there Jan. 7, 1891.
8. Mary Frances, b. Feb. 19, 1828, m. Hartwell F., son of Edmund and Eliza (Withey) Green; res. in Milford and in Grassmere, where she d. Oct. 10, 1899.

#### FOLEY.

James A. Foley, son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Stanton) Foley, born in Nashua, Aug. 30, 1861, is a stone-cutter. Resides at East Milford. Came here from Nashua in 1894. Married Nov. 22, 1892, Margaret A., daughter of John and Joanna (Riley) Murphy, born in Concord, Dec. 18, 1863.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Florence John, b. in Nashua, Dec. 30, 1893.
2. Mary M., b. in Milford, Oct. 17, 1895.

## FOSTER FAMILIES.

## ANCESTORS OF EDWARD FOSTER, CHELMSFORD RECORDS.

<sup>1</sup> Samuel and Sarah Foster had

<sup>2</sup> Edward, born Jan. 29, 1689. Married Remembrance and had

<sup>3</sup> William, born Nov. 11, 1716, and Remembrance, born March 2, 1718. William married Hannah and had

1.† <sup>4</sup> Edward, born April 3, 1747.

2. <sup>4</sup> Aaron, born Jan. 26, 1750, and died Nov. 1, 1753.

3. <sup>4</sup> Remembrance, born Feb. 23, 1753.

4. <sup>4</sup> William, born April 28, 1755, died 1756.

5. <sup>4</sup> Noah, born Aug. 28, 1757. He was killed at the taking of Burgoyne in the Revolutionary War, and his name is on the granite monument standing on the common at Chelmsford Centre, Mass.

6. <sup>4</sup> Bridget, born Feb. 7, 1760.

7. <sup>4</sup> Obediah, born July 17, 1762.

8. <sup>4</sup> Martha, born Feb. 10, 1765.

9. <sup>4</sup> Hannah, born Feb. 7, 1768.

1. <sup>4</sup> Edward, born April 3, 1747. Married Phebe Pierce and settled in Milford in 1773-'74.

Edward Foster, son of William and Hannah Foster was born in Chelmsford, Mass., April 3, 1747. Was a farmer, coming to Milford in 1773-'74, and settled upon the place now owned by George E. Clark, where he died April 3, 1807. Married Jan. 23, 1772, Phebe, daughter of Steven Pierce, born in 1749 and died in Milford, March 10, 1823.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hannah, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., Nov. 24, 1772; m. Sept. 11, 1801, William, son of Joseph Eayrs of Merrimack; res. there and d. Aug. 25, 1841.
2. Sally, b. 1774; m. Dec. 24, 1793, Joel, son of Nehemiah and Mary (Abbott) Barker; res. in Milford and d. Sept. 5, 1820.
3. Elizabeth, b. 1777; m. Daniel Peacock of Amherst and d. there in 1820.
4. Pattee, b. May 19, 1781; m. March 5, 1811, Isaac, son of John Wright of Nashua; res. in Wilton, Me., and d. there Oct. 8, 1860.



- 5.† Noah, b. Dec. 13, 1784.
6. William, b. Dec. 5, 1786, d. Jan. 30, 1823; suppose he married, as we find, "child of Wm. Foster, d. March 29, 1806."
7. Benjamin, b. Dec. 4, 1788, and d. June 13, 1796.

Noah Foster, son of Edward and Phebe (Pierce) Foster, born in Milford, Dec. 13, 1784, was a farmer and cooper. Resided on homestead, where he died Jan. 1, 1831. Married (1) Nov. 7, 1809, Chloe, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Burns) Burnham, born in Milford, March 22, 1790, and died Sept. 16, 1824; (2) July 11, 1826, Betsey T., widow of Benjamin Conant, Jr., daughter of Tay, born March 14, 1792, and died in Milford, March 18, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William, b. April 28, 1811; was a tinsmith; res. in Nashua, and d. there May 10, 1850; unm.
2. Arvilla, b. June 27, 1813, d. Jan. 8, 1862; unm.
3. Rhoda, b. July 4, 1827; m. Hilliard P. Jones, and d. in Milford, Oct. 18, 1859.
4. Charles H., b. May 20, 1829; was a machinist; m. Jan. 20, 1854, Eveline M., dau. of Hammond and Sophia (Huse) Preston of Manchester; res. in Missouri Valley, Iowa, and d. there Dec. 6, 1894.

#### ANCESTORS OF MOSES FOSTER.

1. Reginald Foster, the first of the name in this country, is reputed to have come from Exeter, Devonshire, England. He brought with him his wife, Judith, five sons and two daughters, and settled in Ipswich, Essex county, Mass., about 1638. The exact date of his death is unknown. His will was proved June 9, 1681.

2. Abraham, the first son and third child of the above couple, was born in 1622. Married about 1655, Lydia, daughter of Caleb and Martha Burbank of Rowley. Resided in Ipswich, Mass., and died there Jan. 15, 1711.

3. Caleb, born Nov. 9, 1677, in Ipswich, Mass., was the seventh son and ninth child of Abraham and Lydia. Married June 9, 1702, Mary Sherwin of Ipswich. They had nine children. He died Jan. 25, 1766.

4. Jonathan, their first son and second child, born in Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 30, 1704, and died there May, 1779. Mar-

ried (1) Jemima Cummings, Dec. 17, 1733 or 1734; (2) Dorcas Porter, Dec. 17, 1751.

5. Moses, their second son and child, born April 3, 1755, settled in Milford in 1787.

Moses Foster, son of Jonathan and Dorcas (Porter) Foster, was born in Ipswich, Mass., April 3, 1755; came to Milford in 1787, and settled upon the place now owned by his grandson, John E. Foster, on Federal hill, so called, in the south part of the town on a road to Hollis, where he died Sept. 3, 1800. Married April 30, 1789, Mary, daughter of Timothy Fuller of Middleton, Mass. She was born there Nov. 23, 1765, and died January, 1831.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Moses, Jr., b. Dec. 25, 1790.
2. Isaac Plummer, b. March 5, 1792, rem. to Salem, Mass., in 1810, engaging in mercantile business at the head of Derby wharf, remaining there as clerk and proprietor until 1873; m. Nov. 16, 1816, Harriet, dau. of Thomas and Mary R. (Carter) Brooks of Salem, and d. there May 22, 1881.
3. Timothy Fuller, b. Jan. 11, 1796, was one of the pioneer settlers of Illinois. He purchased a large tract of government land; becoming insane, he did not improve the same; his brothers in New England learning his condition, had him taken back and placed in the asylum for the insane in Charlestown, Mass., where he d. Jan. 31, 1835.
4. John, b. Nov. 13, 1798, was a sailor, and also captain of a vessel; res. several years in Rio Janiero, S. A., in fur trade; returned to the place of his birth in middle life, remaining about a year, when he went to Illinois, settling upon land inherited from the estate of his brother, Timothy Fuller Foster; m., and followed farming a few years; then started with an ox team for California, and d. on the journey at some place unknown to friends.

Caleb Foster, son of Jonathan and Dorcas (Porter) Foster, born in Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 8, 1760, was a farmer; came to Milford from Brookline in 1799, and died in Milford, Feb. 14, 1847. Married Hepsibah, born in 1771, and died in Milford, April 23, 1855.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary, b. in Brookline, Sept. 27, 1792; d. in Milford, Feb. 1, 1815.

2. Mercy, b. in Brookline, Oct. 15, 1796; m. April 17, 1833, Timothy, 3d, son of Timothy, Jr., and Betsey (Peacock) Wheeler of Amherst, and d. there, Jan. 23, 1859.
3. Hepsibah, b. in Brookline, April 6, 1799.
4. Salome, b. in Milford, Feb. 2, 1804, and d. there Feb. 7, 1822.

Moses Foster, Jr., son of Moses and Mary (Fuller) Foster, born in Milford, Dec. 25, 1790, was a farmer and carpenter, residing on the homestead now owned by his son, John E. Foster, until about 1848, when he removed to the village, where he died very suddenly April 4, 1874. Married (1) Fanny, daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Herrick) Coggin, born in Mont Vernon, April 27, 1799, and died in Milford, May 9, 1842; (2) Sept. 27, 1842, Diana, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Needham) Wallingford, born in Dublin, Aug. 27, 1811, and died in Milford, July 29, 1881.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joseph Coggin, b. April 11, 1818, was a clergyman and an editor, res. in Randolph, Mass.; m. April 14, 1843, Abby Ann, dau. of George W. and Hannah (Low) Eaton of Weare. He d. in Summerville, Ga., March 16, 1899.
2. Reuben Fuller, b. Jan. 19, 1821, manufacturer of and dealer in hardware; res. in Concord, where he d. May 25, 1856; m. Nov. 9, 1843, Sarah E., dau. of William and Patience (Abbott) Ames of Hollis.
3. † John Everett, b. May 17, 1824.
4. † Moses Freeman, b. Jan. 6, 1832.
5. Diana, b. and d. Sept. 5, 1845.
6. † Benjamin Franklin, b. Oct. 8, 1846.
7. George Wallingford, b. June 20, 1848; d. July 7, 1848.
8. Diana Wallingford, b. July 3, 1849; d. July 17, 1849.

John E. Foster, son of Moses, Jr., and Fanny (Coggin) Foster, born in Milford, May 17, 1824, is a farmer, residing on the place formerly owned by his father and grandfather. Married Feb. 15, 1848, Sophia P., daughter of Jesse and Mary (Phelps) Farley, born in Hollis, May 25, 1825.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † George Everett, b. April 27, 1849.
2. Flora Sophia, b. April 18, 1866, m. Oct. 27, 1886, George N., son of Aaron B. and Susan (Howard) Woodward of Amherst; res. with her father.

Moses F. Foster, son of Moses, Jr., and Fanny (Coggin) Foster, born in Milford, Jan. 6, 1832, a manufacturer of cotton, resided many years in Georgia; now resides on the place settled upon by Nehemiah Barker in 1782. Married Sept. 14, 1860, Addie L., daughter of Zenas and Rebecca (Carlton) Doane, born in Middleton, N. Y., May 5, 1841.

## CHILD.

1. Fanny Doane, b. in Augusta, Ga., April 16, 1862; m. Jan. 6, 1897, Ralph C., son of George F. and Caroline (Tonkin) Bartlett of Milford; res. on farm with her father.

Benjamin F. Foster, son of Moses, Jr., and Diana (Wallingford) Foster, born in Milford, Oct. 8, 1846, is an undertaker. Married May 25, 1869, Celia F., daughter of Ezra B., and Adaline (Millin) Peabody, born in New Boston, Aug. 23, 1845.

## CHILD.

1. Hattie Maria, b. in Milford, Aug. 3, 1873; res. in Milford, engaged in teaching.

George E. Foster, son of John E. and Sophia P. (Farley) Foster, born in Milford, Aug. 27, 1849, is an author and editor residing in Ithaca, N. Y. Married July 14, 1874, Mary L., daughter of Charles D. and Jerusha W. (Lord) Burritt, born in Skaneateles, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1848.

## CHILD.

1. Jesse Webster, b. in Milford, Feb. 11, 1880.

Joshua Foster, Jr., son of Joshua and Lucy (Tenney) Foster, born in Temple, Aug. 6, 1811. Was a farmer. Removed to Milford in 1871, and engaged in the market business with his sons, Oliver H. and Edward E. Married (1) June 3, 1835, Mary, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Abbott) Heald, born in Temple, March 9, 1810, and died there, Feb. 5, 1867; (2) Jan. 1, 1870, Mrs. Nancy T. Kimball, born in Merrimack; (3) Dec. 21, 1876, Mary A. White, widow of James White of New Boston, and daughter of Abner and Abigail (Bailey) Hoyt, born in Weare, Oct. 3, 1827, and died in Milford, Feb. 10, 1895. He died Sept. 4, 1890.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN TEMPLE.

1. Emily Josephine, b. June 30, 1837; has been a teacher; res. in Milford, unm.
2. Hannah Abbott, b. Oct. 18, 1840; res. in Milford with her sister, unm.
3. † Oliver Heald, b. Jan. 16, 1842.
4. † Edward Eugene, b. Aug. 15, 1843.
5. Twin daughters, b. Feb. 7, 1845; d. in infancy.

Oliver H. Foster, son of Joshua, Jr., and Mary (Heald) Foster, born in Temple, Jan. 16, 1842. Came to Milford in 1871. Is a marketman. Married Dec. 31, 1874, Hannah E., daughter of Charles R. and Elizabeth R. (Lovejoy) Wallace, born in Milford, Feb. 4, 1853.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Oliver Wallace, b. Jan. 28, 1878.
2. Arthur Jerome, b. July 23, 1879.
3. Elmer Joshua, b. July 8, 1883.
4. George Royal, b. May 21, 1887.

Edward E. Foster, son of Joshua, Jr., and Mary (Heald) Foster, born in Temple, Aug. 15, 1843. Was in the market with his brother. Married April 9, 1867, Francelia J., daughter of Francis L. and Drusilla W. (Atwood) Upham, born in Waitsfield, Vt., Nov. 13, 1846. He died very suddenly, May 24, 1897.

## CHILD.

1. Etta Mary, b. in Temple, Feb. 12, 1868; m. June 1, 1891, Samuel A., son of Samuel and Nancy (Wright) Lovejoy of Milford, and res. in Milford.

## FRENCH.

## ANCESTORS OF THE FRENCH FAMILY.

1. William French, born in England in 1604. Married (1) 1630, Elizabeth —, born 1604 or 1605. They came to America in 1635, with two or three small children, where his wife died, March 31, 1668; (2) May 6, 1669, Mary Lathrop, widow of Lieut. John Stearns. He died Nov. 20, 1681. Had thirteen children.

2. John, their first son and third child, born 1635. Married (1) June 21, 1659, Abigail, daughter of Henry Coggan of



Barnstable, who died April 5, 1662, aged about 24 years; (2) July 3, 1662, Hannah, daughter of John Burridge of Charlestown, who died July 7, 1667, aged 23 years; (3) Jan. 14, 1668, Mary, daughter of John Rogers, who died June 16, 1677; (4) Jan. 16, 1678, Mary, widow of John Kittridge, who died Oct. 7, 1719. He died October, 1712. He was a corporal in the militia; wounded by the Indians in the assault at Quaboage, in 1675, petitioning for relief, "a poor, wounded man," harassed by the constable, soon after. He was often in the town's service. Nine children.

3. William, their third son and eighth child, born Aug. 8 or 18, 1687. Married Mehitable, daughter of Thomas Patten, who died Jan. 15, 1742 or 1743. He died Feb. 25, 1745 or 1746. Nine children.

4. William, their first child, born Jan. 25, 1712 or 1713. Married about 1736, Tabitha —.

5. Benjamin, their fourth son and fifth child, born in 1744. Settled in Milford.

Benjamin French, son of William and Tabitha French, born in Billerica, Feb. 18, 1744. Came to Milford before the incorporation of the town. Was a farmer and tanner. Resided where the High school building now stands, where he died, Feb. 20, 1806. Married Nov. 6, 1766, Bethsheba, daughter of Deacon Ralph and Mehitable (Patten) Hill, born Aug. 19, 1742, and died in Milford, Feb. 20, 1818.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN DRACUT.

1. † Benjamin, b. Jan. 12, 1767.
2. Mehitable, b. July 25, 1768; m. Dec. 28, 1784, Dudley, son of Daniel and Lydia Coburn of Pelham; res. in Cornish, and d. there Jan. 19, 1831.
3. Sarah, b. April 24, 1770; m. Dr. Aaron Grosvenor of Pelham, and d. there May 31, 1812.
4. † Josiah, b. Jan. 18, 1772.
5. Pattee, b. April 19, 1774; m. Moses Nowell, Jr.; res. in Portland, Me., and d. there Jan. 7, 1852.
6. Ralph H., b. Jan. 31, 1776; m. (1) Sally —; (2) May 18, 1820, Elizabeth Willard, dau. of Joshua and Abigail (Goss) Atherton of Amherst, and she d. in Manchester, March 31, 1855; he was a lawyer, and res. in Salem, Mass., where he d.

7. Lucretia, b. March 30, 1778, and d. in Milford, Sept. 15, 1843, unm.
8. Lydia, b. May 8, 1780; m. Nehemiah Bradley, and d. in Dracut, Mass.
9. William, b. April 18, 1782; was drowned April 9, 1792.
10. Bethsheba, b. July 24, 1784; d. in Milford, Dec. 5, 1850, unm.
11. Mary, b. Jan. 2, 1787; m. Josiah Gilmore, and d. Aug. 13, 1808.

Benjamin French, Jr., son of Benjamin and Bethsheba (Hill) French, born in Dracut, Jan. 12, 1767. Was a merchant. Came to Milford from Dracut, Mass., in 1796, and removed to Boston, Mass., in 1807, where he died, Nov. 25, 1841. Married in 1790, Anna, daughter of Captain Moses and Catherine (Hill) Nowell, born in Dracut, Mass., July 15, 1767, and died in Brookline, Mass., Oct. 10, 1849.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Catherine, b. in Dracut, Mass., Nov. 15, 1792; d. in 1858, unm.
2. Nancy, b. Sept., 1794; m. Jeremiah Hill, and d. Dec. 2, 1846.
3. Charles, b. in Milford, March, 1796; m. Lucy Balch of Newburyport, Mass., and d. April 4, 1825.
4. Alna, b. in Milford, March, 1801; m. Oct. 28, 1823, Rev. Daniel Huntington of North Bridgewater, Mass., and d. June 3, 1836.
5. Almira, b. March, 1801; m. John Dane in 1825.

Josiah French, son of Benjamin and Bethsheba (Hill) French, born in Dracut, Mass., Jan. 18, 1772. Came to Milford when a boy with his father, followed his father in his business of a tanner, and also occupied the homestead, where he died, Jan. 13, 1850. Married (1) Oct. 27, 1793, Hannah Richardson, born Nov. 30, 1772, and died in Milford, March 26, 1796; (2) July, 1798, Rebecca, daughter of Augustus and Bridget (Lovewell) Blanchard, born in Milford, Nov. 18, 1778, and died there, March 29, 1850.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William, b. Dec. 19, 1793; m. May, 1815, Harriet Moore, and d. March, 1834.
2. Ralph, b. March 11, 1796; d. April 5, 1819.
3. Hannah, b. Jan. 3, 1800; m. July 28, 1817, Royal, son of James and Betsey (Kimball) Wallace; res. in Milford, and d. Jan. 5, 1879.
4. Harriet, b. July 26, 1801; m. (1) Nov. 25, 1822, Joseph W. Peabody of Salem, Mass.; (2) Dec. 4, 1844, William P. Endicott of Salem, Mass.; res. there, and d. March 28, 1886.

5. Lucretia, b. April 4, 1803; m. Dec. 3, 1827, David Underhill of Amherst; res. there, and d. Aug. 1, 1883.
6. Mary Ann, b. April 28, 1805; d. Oct. 15, 1821.
7. Adaline, b. Feb. 4, 1807; m. Jan. 18, 1830, Charles, son of William and Mary (Southward) Ramsdell of Milford, and d. Sept. 10, 1837.
8. † Humphrey Moore, b. Dec. 16, 1808.
9. Caroline, b. Aug. 8, 1810; m. Dec. 10, 1835, Deacon Zebediah Abbot of Andover, Mass.; res. there a few years, then removed to Winchester, Mass., where she d. March 27, 1887.
10. Rebecca, b. Aug. 8, 1812, and d. Oct. 11, 1834.
11. † Augustus Blanchard, b. March 16, 1815.
12. † Francis Josiah, b. Oct. 16, 1818.
13. Charles H., b. Sept. 25, 1820, and d. Nov. 19, 1821.
14. George H., b. Nov. 3, 1822, and d. April 18, 1825.

Humphrey M. French, son of Josiah and Rebecca (Blanchard) French, born in Milford, Dec. 16, 1808, was a merchant, and died there March 11, 1848. Married April 8, 1834, Hannah M., daughter of Thomas and Priscilla (Hutchinson) Andrews, born in Hudson, Jan. 19, 1810, and died in Nashua, July 28, 1865.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Humphrey, b. Dec. 16, 1837, was in the army in 1861-'64; was taken prisoner and confined in a Southern prison until much reduced in health and strength; released so that he reached his home in Buda, Ill., alive, and d. March 27, 1864.
2. Lizzie B., b. Dec. 14, 1838, and d. Feb. 11, 1860.
3. George Henry, b. May 30, 1841, was in the army with his brother, and after the war was a carriage painter; d. in Bismarck, Da., April 8, 1881.
4. Hubert N., b. in 1844; d. April 17, 1846.

Augustus B. French, son of Josiah and Rebecca (Blanchard) French, born in Milford, March 16, 1815, was a tanner residing in Milford, where he died Aug. 9, 1884. Married June 5, 1839, Mary A., daughter of Robert and Rachel (Howard) Emerson, born in Marlborough in 1807, and died in Milford, May 16, 1860.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary Ann, b. in Milford, Sept. 7, 1840; m. June 23, 1859, Albert H., son of Levi and Mary (Tuttle) McIntire; res. in Milford, and d. March 4, 1884.

2. Hattie Lovica, b. in Mont Vernon, Nov. 17, 1842; m. May 30, 1867, George C., son of James B. and Sophia (Hutchinson) Farwell; res. in Milford.
3. James Wallace, b. in Milford, Aug. 31, 1844; d. Jan. 25, 1846.
4. Helen Lydia, b. in Milford, Feb. 13, 1848; d. June 8, 1849.

Francis J. French, son of Josiah and Rebecca (Blanchard) French, born in Milford, Oct. 16, 1818, followed his father in the tannery, and died in Milford, March 6, 1869. Married June 9, 1842, Betsey A., daughter of Preserved and Betsey (Gillis) Robinson, born in Meredith, Sept. 13, 1814, and died June 20, 1892.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Juliette Stark, b. Aug. 7, 1844; m. Nov. 2, 1869, Arthur C., son of Charles E. and Abigail Morse of Dedham, Mass.; res. in Cincinnati, O.
2. † William Francis, b. June 21, 1854.

William F. French, son of Francis J. and Betsey A. (Robinson) French, born in Milford, June 21, 1854, is a pharmacist, and resides in Milford. Married Sept. 27, 1883, Josephine M., daughter of Samuel N. and Nancy M. (Kittridge) Stevens, born in Mont Vernon, May 30, 1855.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ruth Daniels, b. Nov. 17, 1884.
2. Catherine Stevens, b. Sept. 9, 1889.
3. Miriam Juliette, b. Jan. 26, 1893.

Moses French, son of Stephen and Hannah (Swett) French, born in Bedford, Sept. 19, 1817, was a farmer. Married (1) June 22, 1842, Sarah A., daughter of William and Sophia (Weston) Gregg, born in Antrim, June 16, 1820, and died in Milford, June 15, 1861; (2) Oct. 29, 1862, Nancy J., daughter of Phineas and Hannah (Cutler) French, born in Bedford, Dec. 5, 1829, and died in Milford, Aug. 5, 1871. He died March 22, 1889.

#### CHILDREN.

1. † Charles William, b. in Nashua, June 12, 1845.
2. Edwin Irving, b. in Milford, May 28, 1851, and d. Oct. 17, 1851.

Charles W. French, son of Moses and Sarah A. (Gregg) French, born in Nashua, June 12, 1845, came to Milford in

1850 with his father; is a farmer; resided in Milford until 1896, when he removed to Wellfleet, Mass., and now resides there. Married Oct. 15, 1869, Mary C., daughter of Hubbard and Caroline (Smith) Newton, born in Peterborough, Dec. 23, 1849.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fred Edward Gregg, b. July 11, 1870, was a mechanic, and d. in Nelson, Dec. 17, 1899.
2. Sarah Frances, b. Feb. 20, 1872, m. June 23, 1896, Wayland P., son of Orson C. and Emily (Parker) Tolman of Nelson, and res. there.
3. Charles William, b. Nov. 1, 1873, is a farmer; res. in Milford, unm.
4. Louis Newton, b. Jan. 10, 1876, and d. October, 1883.
5. Mary Ann, b. May 10, 1877, and d. Aug. 31, 1885.

Frank B. French, son of Clinton and Eliza A. (Wilson) French, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 9, 1849, came to Milford from Mont Vernon in 1867; is a dealer in coal, wood, and ice. Married May 4, 1870, Addie E., daughter of John H. and Naomi (Wilkins) McConihe, born in Bedford, April 7, 1846.

## CHILD.

1. Will Frank, b. in Milford, May 15, 1873, is in business with his father; m. April 27, 1892, Nellie J., dau. of Charles F. and Emeline W. (Smith) Holt of Antrim.

## FRETTS.

John B. Fretts, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Vickery) Fretts, born in Hebron, May 29, 1825, came to Milford in 1846. He was a mechanic, and died in Milford, May 8, 1893. Married Jan. 1, 1852, Permelia A., daughter of Timothy and Permelia (Ball) Austin, born in Milford, Oct. 12, 1831.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ariadna Ella, b. in Milford, March 19, 1854; m. Jan. 18, 1875, George A., son of Benjamin Kendall of Brookline; they res. in Clinton, Mass.
2. Charles Timothy, b. in Hancock, Dec. 10, 1859, is a jobber; res. in Leominster, Mass.; m. July 5, 1893, Emma E., dau. of Alfred and Hattie A. (Burrage) Smith of Leominster.
3. Ada Lizzie, b. in Milford, July 5, 1867; m. Jan. 1, 1891, John A., son of John and Ellen (Robertson) Kendall, b. in England. He d. in one year, and the widow now res. in Somerville, Mass.



## FROST.

James E. Frost, son of James and Elizabeth (Ramsdell) Frost, born in Lubec, Me., June 19, 1852. is a laborer; came to Milford in 1869. Married June 28, 1873, Rosella A., daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Wilcox) Brown, born in Brookville, N. S., June 16, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edward James, b. April 5, 1875, is a laborer, and res. in Milford.
2. Edna Leora, b. June 28, 1876, m. Jan. 19, 1895, Moses, Jr., son of Moses and Sophia (Leduc) Dane of Milford, and res. there.
3. Bessie Rosella, b. July 7, 1878; d. Aug. 5, 1879.
4. Mary Edith, b. Feb. 22, 1881.
5. Willie Carroll, b. April 22, 1883.
6. Clarence Gardner, b. Jan. 24, 1886.
7. Elizabeth Maria, b. Nov. 3, 1888.
8. Walter Cleveland, b. Aug. 29, 1892.

## FRYE.

Timothy H. Frye, son of Alfred and Betsey (Blanchard) Frye, born in Wilton, Sept. 16, 1839, is a tanner; came to Milford from New Boston in 1874. Married July 5, 1866, Mary D., daughter of John and Tamer (Cochran) Cochran, born in New Boston, June 5, 1839.

## CHILD.

1. Harry Alfred, b. in Milford, May 15, 1876, is a mechanic, and res. at home.

## FULLER.

Robert Fuller, born in Westmoreland in 1766, was a descendant of Dr. Samuel Fuller, surgeon of the *Mayflower*. He was a physician, as were his father and grandfather before him, residing in Milford many years, and died there Dec. 11, 1854. Married (1) Rhoda French of Dunstable, Oct. 27, 1803, and she died Sept. 8, 1836; (2) May 27, 1845, Sarah Griffin Lund, widow of Isaac Lund, born in 1783, and died April 13, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Rhoda Danforth, b. Dec. 10, 1804, m. Sept. 30, 1830, Thomas W., son of John and Hannah (Aiken) Gillis, b. in Antrim; res. in Nashua, and d. there April 17, 1832.

2. Robert Ware, b. Jan. 20, 1807, was a clergyman; m. Persis Keyes; d. in Stowe, Mass., in 1874.
3. Esther Ware, b. Jan. 7, 1809, m. J. H. Currier of Concord, and d. there.
4. † Jacob Taylor, b. April 7, 1811.
5. Josiah, b. May 1, 1814; d. in California in 1889.
6. Elizabeth F., b. March 31, 1816, m. Dec. 22, 1853. Calvin McQuesten of Hamilton, Can.; res. there.
7. Mary, b. Feb. 25, 1821; d. in Milford, Jan. 30, 1840.

Jacob T. Fuller, son of Robert and Rhoda (French) Fuller, born in Milford, April 7, 1811, was a farmer, residing on the road to Nashua. Removed to Wisconsin in 1855; resided in Fond du Lac and Watertown, dying at the latter place Jan. 30, 1883. Married Jan. 21, 1834. Mary, daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Morrell) Burge of Francestown.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Benjamin French, b. June 30, 1836; d. in Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 8, 1873, of yellow fever.
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 24, 1838; d. in Fond du Lac, Wis., April 21, 1859.
3. Samuel Burge, b. June 24, 1841; res. in Watertown, Wis.
4. Abbie Lucretia, b. Aug. 22, 1844; d. in Watertown, Wis., Jan. 2, 1875.
5. Harriet Ella, b. Oct. 15, 1845; d. in Milford, Sept. 30, 1847.

Andrew Fuller, son of Spencer and Sally (Wilson) Fuller, born in Needham, Mass., Dec. 16, 1830, came to Milford in 1853. He was a manufacturer of picture frames, and died in Milford, May 6, 1881. Married June 6, 1858. Harriet A., daughter of Samuel D. and Nancy (Shattuck) Knowlton, born in Milford, Oct. 23, 1838. She resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Helen Maria, b. April 24, 1865, m. Nov. 16, 1898, Rev. Joseph, son of Evan and Hannah (Wickliffe) Manuel, b. in England; they res. in Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Caroline Knowlton, b. June 16, 1868; res. with her mother.

## GARDNER.

Frank Gardner, son of Dewitt C. and Frances (Gaylord) Gardner, born in New York city, Oct. 7, 1854, is an engineer, coming to Milford from Francestown in 1895. Married Sept

18, 1882, Ella J., daughter of Oliver and Lois A. (Messer) Watkins, born in Lyndeborough, July 25, 1864.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. Agnes Lois, b. May 5, 1884.
2. Frank Harold, b. Dec. 11, 1885.

#### GILCREAST.

George W. Gilcreast, son of Daniel and Mary (Center) Gilcreast, born in Londonderry, July 14, 1822, is a farmer, residing on the place formerly owned by James Johnson, near Brookline line, coming to Milford in 1861. Married Dec. 31, 1862, Sarah, daughter of Thaddeus M. and Philinda (Abel) Fuller, born in Goshen, April 16, 1839. They have no children.

#### GILES.

George B. Giles, son of John and Esther (Deane) Giles, born in Seekonk, Mass., February, 1812, was a carriage maker, and came to Milford from Boston, Mass., in 1849. Married March 24, 1842, Ann D., daughter of Farnum and Hannah (Duncklee) Chickering, born in Boston, Sept. 24, 1815. She died in Milford, Sept. 30, 1892. He died in Wilton, Aug. 30, 1893.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Georgianna Duncklee, b. in Boston, Mass., Aug. 9, 1843, was a teacher; d. in Wilton, Dec. 30, 1865.
2. Agnes Frances, b. in Boston, April 5, 1846, m. Jan. 12, 1871, Samuel H., son of James and Julia (Howard) Spring of Boston, and res. there.
3. John Henry, b. in Boston, Dec. 25, 1848; d. there April 6, 1849.
4. Olive Temple, b. in Milford, Aug. 6, 1850, m. May 25, 1875, George S., son of George and Abigail (Putnam) Buss of Wilton, and res. there.
5. John Henry, b. in Mont Vernon, June 17, 1854, is a mechanic; res. in Milford, unm.

William Gilson, son of Abel and Sallie (Mace) Gilson, born in Brookline, June 21, 1802, came to Milford in 1865, purchasing the sawmill and privilege on the north side of the Souhegan river originally owned by John Shepard, where he

carried on a large coopering business besides sawing a large amount of lumber for other people, and died in Milford, Jan. 19, 1889. Married (1) March 15, 1827, Eliza, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Tay) Ames, born in Woburn, Mass., May 12, 1806, and died in Brookline, May 21, 1841; (2) Jan. 6, 1842, Hannah W., daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Leisley) Wheeler, born in Brookline, Nov. 11, 1810, and died in Walpole, March 21, 1895.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN BROOKLINE.

1. William Henry, b. Aug. 28, 1827, and d. Dec. 30, 1827.
2. Eliza Ann, b. Sept. 2, 1828, m. Aug. 22, 1852, Jefferson, son of Nathaniel and Eliza (Ames) Whitcomb; res. in Townsend, Mass., and d. Sept. 30, 1855.
3. Mary Jane, b. May 19, 1830, m. Oct. 26, 1864, Elisha D., son of Bela and Beca (Barber) Sawin; res. in Townsend.
4. Harriet Maria, b. Feb. 1, 1832; d. Jan 12, 1900, in Milford, unm.
5. Amanda Betsey, b. Jan. 17, 1836, m. April 1, 1859, Charles H., son of Jesse and Lavina (Wyman) Russel of Brookline; res. in Milford.
6. † Henry Samuel, b. Nov. 2, 1837.
7. William Francis, b. April 12, 1839, and d. July 21, 1842.
8. Marshall Tay, b. March 20, 1841, and d. Oct. 2, 1841.
9. Juliette Hannah, b. Jan. 11, 1845, is a teacher in South Africa; unm.
10. † Albert Augustus, b. Oct. 7, 1846.
11. Emma Frances, b. Sept. 15, 1850, and d. Aug. 22, 1853.

Henry S. Gilson, son of William and Eliza (Ames) Gilson, born in Brookline, Nov. 2, 1837, is a manufacturer, and came to Milford in 1865 with his father. Married Jan. 9, 1862, Julia M., daughter of Levi and Mary A. (Gay) Downe, born in Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 2, 1839.

## CHILDREN.

1. William Henry, b. in Brookline, Dec. 30, 1864; is a shipping clerk, res. in South Framingham, Mass.; m. April 22, 1897. Phebe Ann, widow of W. H. Kiley, and dau. of Thomas and Phebe (Douglass) Tenney of Leominster, Mass.
2. Alice Louise, b. in Milford, Feb. 18, 1867, res. at home; is a bookkeeper.
3. Frank Stedman, b. in Milford, Aug. 8, 1873, is a clerk; res. in Milford.

Albert A. Gilson, son of William and Hannah W. (Wheeler) Gilson, born in Brookline, Oct. 7, 1846, came to Milford with



his father in 1865. He was engaged in the grocery trade ten or twelve years, removing to Walpole in 1882, where he is now engaged in farming. Married (1) Sept. 29, 1874, Hattie E., daughter of Warren and Mary A. (Hawks) Hyde, born in Colusa, Cal., June 25, 1855, and died in Milford, May 6, 1876; (2) April 8, 1880, Mary E., daughter of Stephen C. and Ann J. (Putnam) Coburn, born in Milford, July 9, 1857.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank Turney, b. in Milford, April 8, 1876, res. with his father.
2. Helen Evangeline, b. in Walpole, Sept. 5, 1882.
3. Ray, b. in Walpole, Dec. 26, 1888.

## GOODELL.

Ransom B. Goodell, son of Asa and Ruth (Butterfield) Goodell, born in Windsor in 1823. Came to Milford from Methuen, Mass., in 1858. Was a grocer, and died in Milford, Feb. 23, 1865. Married Oct. 31, 1855, Louisa, daughter of William and Nancy Carter, born in Pittsfield, and died in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 27, 1887.

## CHILD.

1. Clara Augusta, b. in Methuen, Mass., May 2, 1857; m. March 9, 1887, James A., son of William C. and Sarah J. (Hastings) Thompson; res. in Lowell, Mass.

## GOODWIN.

Daniel Goodwin, son of David and Mehitabel (Jackson) Goodwin, born in Newbury, Mass., Aug. 7, 1766. Was a farmer, coming to Milford before the incorporation of the town, and settled on Federal Hill, where he died, Oct. 2, 1845. Married Jan. 22, 1793, Elizabeth Potter, born July 22, 1770, and died Aug. 18, 1860.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Ezekiel, b. in Milford, Oct. 2, 1795.
2. Elizabeth, b. in Milford, March 4, 1802; m. April 20, 1826, Asa, Jr., son of Asa and Sybil (Pierce) Blanchard of Lyndeborough; res. there, and d. March 2, 1893.

David Goodwin, a brother of Daniel, born in Newbury, Mass., Oct. 5, 1768. Came to Milford from Londonderry in



1795. Was a farmer and shoemaker, settling on Federal hill, next place north of his brother's, where he died Jan. 29, 1845. Married (1) Huldah Morse, born in Ipswich, Mass., March 11, 1774, and died in Milford, March 20, 1809; (2) Sept. 7, 1813, Sarah Putnam, born in Lyndeborough, 1781, and died in Milford, Sept. 13, 1822; (3) Dec. 24, 1822, Hannah, widow of Joseph Leach, Jr., and daughter of Abner and Joanna (Craft) Hoyt, born in Weare, May 12, 1783, and died in Milford, Aug. 24, 1823; (4) April 29, 1824, Nancy Putnam, born in Lyndeborough in 1782, and died in Milford, Nov. 26, 1835; (5) March, 1836, Nancy Proctor of Brookline, born in 1781, and died May 25, 1851.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD AFTER THE FIRST.

1. † Jeremiah Morse, b. in Londonderry, Sept. 7, 1793.
2. Huldah Smith, b. Dec. 6, 1796; m. Sept. 30, 1817, Moses, son of Stephen and Hannah Howe of Milford, and d. there June 3, 1820.
3. † David, b. July 25, 1801.
4. Eliza, b. June 21, 1804; m. May 25, 1829, James, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Swan) Pearson of Milford; res. in Lyndeborough, and d. there Sept. 16, 1854.
5. † Israel H., b. July 6, 1817.

Benjamin Goodwin, also a brother of Daniel, born in Newbury, Mass., March 18, 1782. Came to Milford from Newburyport, Mass., in 1818. Resided on place half a mile from Milford town-house, on road to Nashua, where he built the only stone house in town. Was a farmer, dying April 30, 1847. Married (1) Nov. 17, 1805, Diadema Varnum, born July 20, 1780, and died in Milford, May 31, 1834; (2) June 11, 1835, Abigail W., widow of Jacob Flinn, Esq., and daughter of Jonathan Jones, born 1782, and died in Milford, Nov. 19, 1854.

## CHILDREN.

1. Daniel, b. in Newburyport, Mass., Aug. 2, 1806; was a manufacturer; res. in Manchester, and d. there, June 21, 1860; m. July 4, 1830, Marinda Robbins of Goffstown.
2. John Varnum, b. in Newburyport, Mass., Aug. 19, 1812; was a manufacturer; res. in Manchester, and d. there; m. Nov. 6, 1834, Nancy, dau. of Josiah and Esther H. Colley of Amoskeag.

Ezekiel Goodwin, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Potter) Goodwin, born in Milford, Oct. 2, 1795. Was a farmer and mechanic, residing on homestead until 1845, when he removed to the village, and thence to Manchester in 1863, where he died, Jan. 19, 1890. Married (1) June 23, 1818, Azenath, daughter of David and Sarah (Hood) Duncklee, born in Milford, Feb. 12, 1798, and died in Manchester, June 16, 1871; (2) Dec. 9, 1873, Betsey B., widow of John Conery, and daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Cady) Barnes, born in Merimack, July 23, 1812, and died in Milford, Feb. 5, 1894.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lorinda, b. Sept. 22, 1819; m. April 23, 1839, Francis P., son of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson of Milford. After a few years they removed to Manchester, where she d. May 1, 1870.
2. Harriet, b. Dec. 22, 1825; m. (1) Sept. 20, 1847, William A. Pillsbury of Georgetown, Mass.; after his death she m. (2) July 8, 1852, Ephraim Hackett of Wilton; now res. in Knoxville, Tenn.

Jeremiah M. Goodwin, son of David and Huldah (Morse) Goodwin, born in Londonderry, Sept. 7, 1793. Came to Milford when a child. Was a cabinet maker. Resided in the house next north of the railroad station at East Milford, where he died, July 13, 1840. Married Aug. 13, 1818, Betsey, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Proctor) Perkins, born in Brookline, March 22, 1797, and died in Milford, April 17, 1854.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey Jane, b. July 17, 1819; m. July 3, 1838, Charles, son of Peter and Lucy (Clark) Clark of Milford, and d. there Aug. 2, 1845.
2. Susan Eliza, b. June 8, 1822; m. Oct. 6, 1847, Timothy H., son of John and Mary (Hutchkins) Parsons of Gloucester, Mass.; they res. in Milford; she d. Dec. 2, 1899.
3. Mary Farwell, b. Oct. 3, 1824; m. Nov. 14, 1843, William H., son of John and Mary Parsons of Gloucester, Mass.; res. in Milford, where she d. Aug. 1, 1849.

David Goodwin, Jr., son of David and Huldah (Morse) Goodwin, born in Milford, July 25, 1801. Was a farmer and mechanic. Resided on a part of his father's farm, where he built a house just north of the homestead, where he died, Dec. 10, 1881. Married (1) Nov. 10, 1829, Lydia, daughter of

Isaac and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Bartlett, born in Milford, June 15, 1803, and died Dec. 23, 1844; (2) May 11, 1848, Lucy Augusta, daughter of Larkin and Hannah (Heald) Mason, born in Wilton, Nov. 24, 1826, and died in Wilton, Feb. 9, 1899.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Eliza Bartlett, b. Sept. 7, 1831; m. Sept. 1, 1881, William H. Gilmore of Manchester, and d. there, March 7, 1900.
2. Lydia Rowena, b. Sept. 17, 1833, and d. April 17, 1851.
3. David Milton, b. Feb. 17, 1836; is a commercial traveler; m. Oct. 3, 1861, Lizzie M. Young of Manchester, and res. there.
4. Caroline Maria, b. March 13, 1839; m. Feb. 12, 1859, George W. Dimick of Manchester; res. in Haverhill, Mass., and d. there, Sept. 2, 1878.
5. Ellen Augusta, b. April 24, 1849, and d. May 19, 1867.
6. George Mason, b. Nov. 4, 1851, and d. Sept. 30, 1864.

Israel H. Goodwin, son of David and Sarah (Putnam) Goodwin, born in Milford, July 6, 1817, was a farmer, residing on the home farm. Married May 10, 1843, Phebe M., daughter of Samuel and Lois (Burnham) Lovejoy, born in Milford, June 24, 1821. He died in Milford, April 6, 1860. She died in Fitchburg, Mass., March 19, 1872.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Edward, b. Oct. 3, 1844, is a machinist, res. in Neponset, Mass.; m. July 23, 1869, Josephine E., dau. of Joseph and Nancy (Downer) Pickett of Newburyport, Mass.
2. Ann Maria, b. June 18, 1847, m. June 20, 1869, Fred B., son of Matthias and Mary (Trumbull) Ellis of Fitchburg, Mass., and res. in Manchester.
3. † David Newton, b. April 16, 1851.

David N. Goodwin, son of Israel H. and Phebe M. (Lovejoy) Goodwin, born in Milford, April 16, 1851, is a barber, and resides in Milford. Married Jan. 1, 1875, Nettie L., daughter of Horace and Sarah E. (Farley) Field, born in Nashua, June 23, 1853.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ida Belle, b. Oct. 4, 1878, m. Oct. 7, 1896, Stephen C., Jr., son of Stephen C. and Ann J. (Putnam) Coburn of Milford, and res. there.
2. Elsie Maria, b. May 12, 1883.

## GOSS.

Samuel Goss, born in Amherst, June 17, 1788, came to Milford when a young man, and was a mechanic. Married Aug. 28, 1814, Jerusha, daughter of Isaac and Olive (Hopkins) Blanchard, born in Milford, Nov. 14, 1793, and died March 11, 1878. He died Aug. 7, 1863.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Rachel C., b. March 6, 1815, m. Nov. 8, 1835, Loammi B., son of Nahum and Silence M. (Stone) Ward of Lempster, and d. in Milford, Oct. 30, 1897.
2. Samuel, Jr., b. July 23, 1817, and d. in Milford, Oct. 4, 1889, unm.

John F. Goss, son of John and Rachel (French) Goss, born in Merrimack, July 13, 1821, came to Milford from Lowell, Mass., remaining a few years in the employ of the railroad. He died in Lowell, April 7, 1886. Married Dec. 20, 1842, Harriet J., daughter of Isaac and Jane (Alls) Foster, born in Merrimack, April 16, 1822.

## CHILDREN.

1. Adelaide Lucretia, b. in Londonderry, Oct. 29, 1843; m. in 1861, Merrill T., son of Worcester and Mary A. (Calley) Call of Franklin; and res. in South Braintree, Mass.
2. Harriet Ella, b. in Londonderry, Dec. 19, 1845; m. Sept. 7, 1870, John A., son of Dr. Simeon S. and Sarah A. (Twitchell) Stickney, and res. in Milford.
3. Frank Pierce, b. in Nashua, April 4, 1848, is station agent at Potter Place; m. in 1869, Harriet Boyce of Penacook.
4. † John Roby, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., June 21, 1850.
5. Eliza Jane, b. in Peekskill, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1851; d. in Lebanon, March 6, 1852.
6. George White, b. in Franklin, Sept. 8, 1855, is a baggage master in Lowell, Mass.; m. June 5, 1878, Fanny, dau. of Nelson French of Holton, Me.
7. Clara Kenrick, b. in Franklin, Feb. 18, 1857; m. Jan. 1, 1877, Edmund P., son of John and Phebe (Pratt) Buss of Temple. They res. in Lynn, Mass.

John R. Goss, son of John F. and Harriet J. (Foster) Goss, born in Chelmsford, Mass., June 21, 1850, is a mechanic; came to Milford from Amherst in 1889. Married July 7, 1878, Kate E., daughter of Stephen A. and Caroline M. (Duncklee) McGaffey, born in Amherst, Dec. 2, 1857.



## CHILDREN.

1. Annie Jane, b. in Amherst, April 17, 1879; m. Nov. 25, 1895, George A., son of Patrick and Ellen (Grant) Featherstone, and res. in Milford.
2. Harold John, b. in Milford, Feb. 10, 1893.
3. Kathryn, b. Feb. 14, 1900.

## GRAFTON.

John F. Grafton, son of Benjamin and Lucy A. (Bradford) Grafton, born in Friendship, Me., March 5, 1842, is a concrete jobber; came to Milford from Waldoboro, Me., in 1864. Married June 1, 1867, Sarah A., daughter of James and Mary E. (Dickey) Alexander, born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 6, 1846.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Frank Ernest, b. Dec. 26, 1873, is a laborer, and res. in Milford.
2. Elmer Bradford, b. Aug. 23, 1877, is a laborer; m. Feb. 26, 1898, Lena M., dau. of Walter W. and Viola D. (Chapman) Warren, and res. in Milford.

## GRAY.

Kendall M. Gray, son of William and Rhoda (Barker) Gray, born in Hancock, April 11, 1826, came from Lawrence, Mass., to Milford in 1860. He was a merchant and manufacturer of boys' clothing, and died in Milford, Jan. 28, 1897. Married Dec. 7, 1848, Josephine, daughter of Abraham and Lovica (Jones) Melzar, born in Milford, Jan. 1, 1828, and resides there.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN LAWRENCE, MASS.

1. Alice Cora, b. Oct. 2, 1853, is a teacher; res. in Milford, unm.
2. † Harry Ashton, b. June 17, 1857.

Harry A. Gray, son of Kendall M. and Josephine (Melzar) Gray, born in Lawrence, Mass., June 17, 1857, is a laborer. Married May 1, 1879, Anna Mabel, daughter of Warren and Sarah E. (Boutelle) Ames, born in Milford, May 1, 1863. Resides in New Boston.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Maude Alice, b. June 1, 1881.
2. Mabel Blanche, b. June 16, 1884; d. April 30, 1889.
3. Bessie Josephine, b. Sept. 17, 1887.



James H. Gray, son of James B. and Sarah (Burns) Gray, born in Wilton, April 6, 1835, is a machinist; came to Milford from Worcester, Mass., in 1874. Married Feb. 3, 1864, Harriet, daughter of Amos and Deborah (Hill) Putnam, born in Milford, Feb. 2, 1843.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mary Estella, b. in East Boston, Mass., Aug. 19, 1867; m. July 21, 1897, Walter E., son of Charles H. and Susan L. (Hatch) Andrews of Freedom, and res. in Newburyport, Mass.
2. Harris Putnam, b. Dec. 22, 1873, is a bank clerk, and res. in Boston, Mass.

#### GREEN.

Jonas Green was a farmer, and settled in the Mile Slip before the incorporation of the town, as we find his name in the list of taxpayers for 1794, but do not know from what place he came or the time when he came. He died in Milford, July 3, 1827. Married Rebecca Shedd, and she died in 1836.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jonas, Jr., m. and rem. to Tolland, Conn., and d. there.
2. Daniel, d. in the army, Nov., 1814.
3. Rachel, m. June 27, 1803, Samuel Bailey, and res. in Milford from 1825 to 1830.
4. † Azel, b. March 3, 1798.
5. † Edmund, b. Oct. 25, 1802.

Azel Green, son of Jonas and Rebecca (Shedd) Green, born in Milford, March 3, 1798. Was a farmer, residing near his father, and died Jan. 1, 1844. Married Permilla, daughter of James and Lucy (Dakin) Scripture, born in Mason, Aug. 29, 1801, and died in Montvale, Mass., Aug. 29, 1885.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Galen Knapp, an adopted son, b. in Mason, July 26, 1824; is a tinsmith; res. in Ashtabula, Ohio.
2. Mary Jane, b. March 20, 1826; m. April 4, 1851, Loammi D., son of Samuel and Nancy (Richardson) Blood; res. in Nashua, and d. there Sept. 18, 1892.
3. Jonas Alvah (twin), b. Aug. 18, 1829; was a teamster, res. in Charlestown, Mass., and d. there Nov. 18, 1861; m. Jan. 27, 1859, Antoinette H., dan. of William and Elizabeth (Cook) Walker of Brighton, Mass.

4. James Alton (twin), b. Aug. 18, 1829; is a tinsmith, res. in Nashua; m. May 22, 1854, Louisa L., dau. of Thomas and Marinda (Tarbox) Jaquith of Hollis.
5. Lucy Permilla, b. May 14, 1832, and d. March 3, 1833.
6. Lucy Permilla, b. May 26, 1835; m. Sept. 29, 1858, Amos Farnsworth of Brookline, and d. there March 24, 1864.
7. Martha Ann, b. March 29, 1838, and d. Sept. 19, 1861.
8. Fernando Azel, b. Jan. 6, 1840; res. in Montvale, Mass., where he d. Feb. 25, 1886; m. Josephine Buckman of Montvale, Mass.

Edmund Green, son of Jonas and Rebecca (Shedd) Green, born in Milford, Oct. 25, 1802. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead until unable to labor. Removed to the village, where he died, Nov. 14, 1888. Married Eliza, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Brown) Withey, born in Mason, Nov. 26, 1810, and died April 1, 1882.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hartwell Frederic, b. Oct. 8, 1829; m. Mary F., dau. of Loammi and Betsey (Stiles) Flinn of Milford; is a farmer.
2. † Alonzo, b. Nov. 6, 1834.
3. Daniel H., b. Oct. 3, 1836; was a farmer, res. in Mont Vernon, where he d. Aug. 20, 1896; m. in 1865, Antoinette H., widow of Jonas A. Green, and dau. of William and Elizabeth (Cook) Walker of Brighton, Mass.

Alonzo Green, son of Edmund and Eliza (Withey) Green, born in Milford, Nov. 6, 1834. Is a cooper, residing in Milford village. Married July 11, 1858, Dorcas L., daughter of Jonathan L. and Lydia (Williams) Stone, born in Wilton, Jan. 2, 1838.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Katie Ann, b. April 8, 1859; m. June 28, 1883, Benjamin F. Shattuck of Nashua; res. in East Bridgewater, Mass.
2. Fred George, b. Oct. 10, 1864; is a shoe trimmer, res. in Nashua; m. June 5, 1883, Minnie L., an adopted dau. of Charles H. and Amanda B. (Gilson) Russell of Milford.
3. Harry Milton, b. Jan. 16, 1875; is a shoe trimmer and res. in Nashua; m. May 18, 1897, Bertha Sullivan of Nashua.

Job W. Green, son of George and Sarah (Stevens) Green, born in England, Feb. 27, 1832. Manufacturer of cotton goods. Came to Milford from Lowell, Mass., in 1864, and engaged in farming, residing on place formerly owned by Daniel Duncklee, in southeast corner of the town. Married

Nov. 1, 1854, Sarah, daughter of William and Ann (Jones) Smith, born in England, June 24, 1829.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Carrie Rose Ann, b. in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 10, 1855, and d. in Milford, Nov. 19, 1875.
2. Hattie Augusta, b. in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 10, 1857; m. Dec. 31, 1885, John O. Miltimore of North Andover, Mass., and res. in Rivera, Cal.
3. Julia Emeline, b. in Lowell, Mass., April 2, 1859, and d. in Milford, July 11, 1873.
4. Sarah Anabelle, b. in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 4, 1860; m. Dec. 14, 1887, Charles H., son of Charles and Ruth (Hill) Gould of Contoocook, and res. in Dorchester, Mass.
5. Oliver Hazard Perry, b. in Lowell, Mass., July 15, 1862; is assistant overseer in cotton mill, and res. in Lowell, Mass.
6. Fanny B., b. in Lowell, Mass., April 10, 1864, and d. in Milford, Sept. 11, 1865.
7. Willard Hayden, b. in Milford, Oct. 3, 1866; is general superintendent of street railroad; res. in West Newton, Mass.; m. Aug., 1883, Susan Upton of Waltham, Mass.
8. Jennie Matilda, b. in Milford, June 30, 1868; m. Nov. 2, 1892, Harry Stevens of Boston, Mass., and res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.
9. Gustavus Vassar Fox, b. in Milford, May 5, 1871; is a motorman on street railway, and res. in Nashua; m. Nov. 16, 1892, Martha J., dau. of William Q. and Marion A. (Hardy) Young of Milford.

#### GREENWOOD.

William W. Greenwood, son of William and Betsey J. (Needham) Greenwood, born in Marlborough, May 21, 1825. Was a farmer for many years. Is now engaged in canvassing. Married (1) April 2, 1850, Sarah A., daughter of John and Mary (Farley) Hardy of Hollis, who died in Milford, Jan. 23, 1877; (2) June 27, 1878, Abbie J. George, widow of Schuyler George, and daughter of Joseph and Nancy C. (Cleale) Drake, born in Mansfield, Mass., May 5, 1840. He was a selectman in Marlborough two years. They came to Milford in 1866, and returned to Marlborough in 1895. Now reside in Malden, Mass.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MARLBOROUGH.

1. Minot Winslow, b. July 30, 1854; is a mill hand, and res. in Troy; m. June 23, 1878, Ida A., dau. of Robert B. and Martha (Burrill) Wallace of Milford.

2. Mary Ellen, b. Oct. 2, 1861; m. June 28, 1888, John A., son of John C. and Maria F. (Tobey) Hamblin of Portland, Me.; res. in Augusta, Me., where she d. Sept. 8, 1895.

## GUILD.

Spencer Guild, son of Calvin and Sally (Kellogg) Guild, born in Halifax, Vt., June 23, 1820. Was a merchant. Married Oct. 10, 1850, Abby T., daughter of John and Fanny (Lewis) Carlton of Mont Vernon. They came to Milford in 1853, and he died there, Nov. 14, 1885.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fanny C., b. Sept. 17, 1855; is a teacher.
2. William A., b. March 19, 1862; res. in Milford, doing insurance agent's work in Boston.
3. Frank S., b. April 12, 1865; is an artist, res. in Philadelphia, Pa.; m. Sept. 13, 1886, May B., dau. of Stephen and Mary (Little) Rogers of Lynn, Mass.

## GUTTERSON.

Samuel Gutterson, born in Andover, Mass., Jan. 7, 1738, was a farmer, and settled on the farm afterwards owned by his son Jacob and grandson Joel H. The time of settlement we have not been able to learn with any certainty. Married (1) June 2, 1759, Lydia Stephens, born in Andover, Mass., and died in Milford, Dec. 15, 1787; (2) Lydia H. Hobart, widow of Joel Hobart of Pepperell, Mass., and daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Powers) Hopkins, born in Milford, June 2, 1758, and died there Nov. 29, 1846. He died Nov. 23, 1818.

## CHILDREN, FIRST FIVE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN ANDOVER, MASS., AND THE OTHERS IN MILFORD.

1. Samuel, Jr., b. Feb. 28, 1765, was a farmer, res. on the place with Jacob Adams, where he d. Jan. 22, 1834; m. June 14, 1796, Lydia, dau. of Jacob and Grace (Livermore) Adams.
2. † John, b. Aug. 27, 1766.
3. Abner, b. March 27, 1768, m. Phebe Barker of Wilton, and d. May 2, 1818.
4. † Simeon, b. Dec. 8, 1769.
5. Lydia, b. Oct. 17, 1772, m. William Darracot of Milford, and d. there April 7, 1819.
6. Sarah, b. Sept. 3, 1774, and d. Oct. 11, 1828, unm.



7. † Jacob, b. Nov. 21, 1777.
8. † Abial, b. April 4, 1780.
9. Mary, b. March 21, 1783, m. Samuel Lancaster.
10. † Josiah, b. June 29, 1786.
11. Amos, b. May 17, 1791, and d. in 1793.
12. Anna, b. Dec. 24, 1795, and d. Dec. 8, 1868, unm.

John Gutterson, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson, born Aug. 27, 1766. Married February, 1794, Phebe, daughter of Nathan and Hannah (Holt) Ballard, born in Wilton, April 30, 1773, and died Nov. 15, 1840. He died Dec. 13, 1841.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † John, b. Jan. 6, 1795.
2. † Amos, b. April 17, 1797.
3. Phebe, b. Feb. 16, 1799, m. June 5, 1820, Moses, Jr., son of Moses and Betsey (Bradford) Burns; res. in Alexandria, and d. there May 12, 1840.
4. Nyrha, b. March 11, 1802, m. Nov. 20, 1823, Franklin, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson of Milford; res. there, and d. March 19, 1877.
5. Samuel A., b. Aug. 23, 1804, was a saddler; res. in Brookline, and d. there Jan. 1, 1845; m. Sarah Eaton of Townsend, Mass.
6. Rodney, b. June 22, 1806, was a saddler; m. Eunice J. Newton of Northboro, Mass., and d. in Milford, April, 1836.
7. Eliza Ann, b. May 5, 1809, and d. Feb. 11, 1819.
8. † Nathan Ballard, b. June 24, 1811.
9. Adaline, b. July 7, 1813, m. March 14, 1844, James B., son of Joseph and Chloe (Abbot) Gray of Wilton, and d. in Milford, March 19, 1886.
10. Mary L., b. Sept. 5, 1816, and d. June 2, 1859, unm.

Simeon Gutterson, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson, born in Milford, Dec. 8, 1769, and died there March 1, 1846; was a farmer. Married (1) Nov. 18, 1800, Deborah, daughter of Joshua and Deborah (Chandler) Mooar, born in Milford in 1777, and died there Aug. 28, 1805; (2) April 24, 1810, Phebe, daughter of Jeremiah and Phebe, (Blanchard) Burnham, born in Wilton, Sept. 18, 1787, and died in New Boston, Oct. 3, 1868.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Simeon, b. June 8, 1805; d. young.
2. Deborah, b. Dec. 5, 1817; d. in 1819.



3. Harriet, an adopted daughter, b. May 23, 1823, m. April 9, 1840, Peter C. Jones of New Boston, and res. in Charlestown, Mass.

Jacob Gutterson, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson, born in Milford, Nov. 21, 1777, and died there Nov. 17, 1846; was a farmer, residing on his father's place. Married April 2, 1801, Lydia, daughter of Joel and Lydia (Hopkins) Hobart, born in Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 1, 1779, and died in Milford, May 15, 1852.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lydia, b. July 12, 1801, m. April 26, 1827, Isaac, son of Moses and Betsey (Bradford) Burns; res. in Milford, and d. March 13, 1871.
2. Jacob, b. June 2, 1805, m. Lucy Sawyer of Harvard, Mass.; was a merchant, res. in Chicago, Ill.
3. Lavina, b. April 9, 1808, m. (1) May 21, 1829, Thomas J., son of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson of Milford, (2) Dec. 20, 1836, Nathan Jewett; res. in Milford, and d. there Feb. 4, 1868.
4. Lucy Ann, b. Aug. 6, 1810, m. April 21, 1831, James J., son of Leonard and Sally (Barrett) Badger of Milford; res. there, and d. Oct. 21, 1896.
5. † Joel Hobart, b. Sept. 25, 1813.
6. † Justus, b. June 22, 1816.
7. Lephe Demiras, b. April 18, 1819, m. (1) April 26, 1838, Leonard Badger and res. in Milford, (2) June 10, 1869, Charles, son of Jeremiah and Olive (Blanchard) Howe of Milford; res. in Franklin, Mass., and d. Jan. 30, 1893.

Abiel Gutterson, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson, born in Milford, April 4, 1780, was a farmer, living near the village in the house now owned by Wm. J. D. Burt, and died there Nov. 14, 1833. Married Sarah Frye, who died in Milford, Feb. 23, 1848.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Martha Miranda, b. Nov. 6, 1805, m. Dec. 2, 1834, Stephen, son of Isaac and Ruth (Ames) Abbott of Milford; res. in Hillsboro, Ill., and d. there July 7, 1861.
2. Margaret Maria, b. July 19, 1807, m. Aug. 4, 1829, Oliver Boutwell, Jr., of Troy, N. Y., and d. there Jan. 24, 1838.
3. William, b. May 13, 1809, was a farmer, res. in Milford, and d. June 20, 1838; m. Dec. 15, 1835, Harriet, dau. of Isaac and Ruth (Ames) Abbott of Milford.

4. Louisa Hammond, b. Feb. 27, 1813, m. Benjamin I., son of John and Sarah (Smith) Conant of Merrimack; res. in Milford, where she d. July 7, 1846.
5. Henry, b. Dec. 11, 1816, and d. Aug. 4, 1826.

Josiah Gutterson, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson, born in Milford, June 29, 1786, was a farmer, living in the first house south of the Osgood schoolhouse, now owned by Edward Butler, where he died Sept. 18, 1846. Married April 17, 1815, Phebe, daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Keyes) Buss, born in Wilton, Dec. 12, 1781, and died in Temple, Nov. 3, 1853.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Samuel, b. Jan. 25, 1816, and d. Aug. 28, 1819.
2. Abigail, b. Aug. 8, 1817, and d. March 15, 1839.
3. George, b. Nov. 25, 1820, was a farmer, res. on the homestead; m. (1) July 21, 1846, Priscilla F., dau. of Jonathan and Abigail (Abbott) Phelps of Andover, Mass., and rem. to Andover early in 1847; he m. (2) Hannah H. Phelps, a sister of the first wife, May 28, 1855. He d. April 16, 1877.
4. Elizabeth Fisk, b. April 18, 1823, m. Feb. 17, 1848, Isaiah, son of Nathan and Rachel (Cummings) Wheeler of Temple; they res. in Temple several years, and then rem. to Greenville, where she d. April 12, 1899.
5. Clara, b. Feb. 9, 1829, and d. Dec. 5, 1845.

John Gutterson, son of John and Phebe (Ballard) Gutterson, born in Milford, Jan. 6, 1795, was a farmer. Married Aug. 15, 1816, Martha, daughter of John and Martha (Wallingford) Sawtelle, born in Milford, Oct. 6, 1797, and died there May 21, 1873. He died April 13, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joseph Davis, b. Nov. 5, 1816, was an undertaker, res. in Brookline, Mass., where he d. June 10, 1892; m. March 17, 1844, Julia A. Barry of Boston, Mass.
2. Eli Sawtelle, b. July 21, 1818, was a farmer; m. December, 1842, Lucinda, dau. of John N. and Nancy (Rhoads) Wheeler of Amherst; res. there, and d. May 19, 1863.
3. Eliza Ann, b. Feb. 19, 1820, m. Jan. 21, 1841, Joel H., son of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson; res. in Milford, and d. April 28, 1896.
4. Martha Jane, b. March 5, 1822, and d. March 8, 1871, unm.

5. Mary Ellen, b. March 16, 1824, m. Nov. 22, 1856, Thomas S., son of John and Mercy (Philbrick) Pettingill of Brookline, Mass., and res. in North Acton, Mass., and d. May 15, 1900.
6. John Adams, b. Nov. 16, 1825, was a carpenter; m. Jan. 15, 1851, Catherine, dau. of Joseph and Abiah (Shattuck) Hall of Brookline; res. there, and d. Oct. 6, 1853.
7. Hannah Wallingford, b. Nov. 28, 1827, and d. Dec. 28, 1842.
8. Angeline P., b. Dec. 20, 1829, m. Thomas S., son of John and Mercy (Philbrick) Pettingill of Brookline, Mass., and d. there April 19, 1855.
9. Simeon Waldo, b. Aug. 26, 1832, m. April 15, 1863, Harriet Allison of Weymouth, Mass., and res. there,
10. Susan Ophelia, b. July 5, 1834, m. Aug. 5, 1868, Ashell Johnson of Newport; res. in Springfield, Vt., and d. there March 26, 1876.
11. † Charles Henry, b. Oct. 29, 1837.
12. Maria Anabell, b. July 18, 1839; d. Feb. 21, 1860, unm.

Amos Gutterson, son of John and Phebe (Ballard) Gutterson, born in Milford, April 17, 1797, was a farmer, residing on the farm now owned by Cyrus P. Colby, where he died Nov. 12, 1859. Married (1) Jan. 22, 1824, Mary, daughter of Moses and Betsey (Bradford) Burns, born in Milford, May 16, 1801, and died April 9, 1831; (2) Jan. 26, 1832, Matilda, daughter of Joseph and Chloe (Abbott) Gray, born in Wilton, July 20, 1806, and died in Milford, Nov. 23, 1835; (3) Nov. 23, 1837, Eunice, daughter of Richard T. and Betsey (Ballard) Buss, born in Wilton, Oct. 2, 1809, and died in Milford, Jan. 15, 1897.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Rhoda, b. Nov. 22, 1824, m. Nov. 20, 1848, Frederick G. Roby of Manchester, and d. there Aug. 19, 1849.
2. Amos B., b. March 3, 1826, and d. June 19, 1828.
3. Harriet E., b. Oct. 13, 1828, m. July 8, 1857, Albert M., son of William, Jr., and Myra (Hutchinson) Darracot of Milford, and res. there.
4. Mary Burns, b. March 27, 1831, m. September, 1848, Calvin H., son of Moses and Sally (Odell) Averill of Milford; res. there, and d. April 30, 1865.
5. Mildred Matilda, b. Oct. 27, 1833, m. Feb. 23, 1854, James, son of James J. and Lucy A. (Gutterson) Badger; res. in Milford.
6. Arianna C., b. April 26, 1839, and d. April 8, 1843.
7. Abel Fiske, b. Dec. 1, 1840, m. Dec. 15, 1865, Nancy J., dau. of Willard and Nancy (Peacock) Kendall of Milford, and res. in Vineland, N. J.

8. Samuel A., b. Jan. 19, 1844, is a mechanic; res. in Milford, unm.
9. Georgianna A., b. Nov. 25, 1845; res. with her brother, Samuel A.; is unm.

Nathan B. Gutterson, son of John and Phebe (Ballard) Gutterson, born in Milford, June 24, 1811, was a farmer, occupying for many years the farm now owned by Charles L. Kendall; removed to the place formerly owned by Josiah Osgood, Jr., and now by his son, Clarence J. Married Feb. 29, 1844, Mary, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Larabee) Foster, born in Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 9, 1816. He died Sept. 12, 1883.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Clarence James, b. May 21, 1847.
2. Clara Ballard, b. Oct. 16, 1848, was a successful teacher for several years; m. May 10, 1885, Jacob, son of Joseph and Melitable (Pratt) Kendall of Temple, and res. there.

Joel H. Gutterson, son of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson, born in Milford, Sept. 25, 1813, was a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married Jan. 21, 1841, Eliza A., daughter of John and Martha (Sawtelle) Gutterson, born in Milford, Feb. 19, 1820, and died there April 28, 1896. He died Aug. 3, 1884.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Abby Alice, b. Nov. 18, 1841, m. Nov. 24, 1858, George H., son of Jonathan and Miriam (Tyler) Keyes of Wilton; res. there, and d. Jan. 12, 1887.
2. Ann Eliza, b. June 22, 1845, m. Jan. 1, 1870, George W., son of John Hall; res. in Milford, and d. April 29, 1873.
3. Joel Hobart, b. April 18, 1848, and d. Sept. 21, 1849.
4. Anstress Adell, b. June 2, 1851, m. March 27, 1872, Sumner S., son of George and Mary A. (Putnam) Hartshorn; res. in Milford, and d. March 26, 1877.
5. † Marcus Ulman, b. Nov. 4, 1854.

Justus Gutterson, son of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson, born in Milford, June 22, 1816, was a laborer, and died there Aug. 20, 1889. Married (1) Nov. 24, 1845, Elizabeth Woods, born in Peterborough in 1815, and died in Milford, Nov. 27, 1851; (2) June 1, 1852, Betsey A., daughter of Asa Lawrence of Groton, Mass., born in Groton, Oct. 1, 1817, and now resides there.



## CHILD.

1. † Elmon Justus, b. in Milford, Sept. 15, 1850.

Charles H. Gutterson, son of John and Martha (Sawtelle) Gutterson, born in Milford, Oct. 29, 1837, is a farmer. Removed to Mont Vernon a few years since. Married (1) March 21, 1865, Mary, daughter of William and Sarah D. (Russell) Sheldon, born in Wilton, March 13, 1837, and died in Milford, May 17, 1876; (2) March 31, 1877, Mary E., widow of James Langdell, and daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Langdell) Wilkins, born in Mont Vernon, Oct. 10, 1846.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles William, b. Aug. 25, 1868, and d. March 18, 1869.
2. Elmer Moody, b. Jan. 4, 1879.

Clarence J. Gutterson, son of Nathan B. and Mary (Foster) Gutterson, born in Milford, May 21, 1847, resides on home-  
stead, farming, and also has a sawmill and a cider mill, each  
doing a good business in their season. Married April 10,  
1873, Eliza P., widow of John E. Union, and daughter of  
Pharis and Harriet (Leavitt) Shirley, born in Marblehead,  
Mass., March 5, 1842.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harry Shirley, b. Aug. 16, 1876.
2. Mary Powers, b. May 18, 1878.

Marcus U. Gutterson, son of Joel H. and Eliza A. (Gutter-  
son) Gutterson, born in Milford, Nov. 4, 1854, is employed  
by railroad company. Married (1) Nov. 30, 1876, Emma F.,  
daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Langdell) Wilkins, born in  
Mont Vernon, July 22, 1855, died in Milford, Dec. 10, 1884;  
(2) Aug. 28, 1893, Amy L., daughter of William N. and  
Mary L. (Smith) Patterson of Wilton, born in Dorchester,  
March 16, 1871.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Alburn Morton, b. Sept. 19, 1877; is a clerk and resides in North  
Adams, Mass.
2. Carroll Herbert, b. Oct. 12, 1893.
3. Edith Erdene, b. Dec. 29, 1894.
4. Mary Esther, b. Nov. 12, 1897.
5. Adam, b. June 4, 1900.



Elmon J. Gutterson, son of Justus and Elizabeth (Woods) Gutterson, born in Milford, Sept. 15, 1850, is a plumber and tinsmith. Removed to Pepperell, Mass., in 1878, and now resides in Winchester, Mass. Married Dec. 23, 1874, Della, daughter of Albert A. and Sarah A. (Townsend) Anthony, born in Hancock, Aug. 11, 1854.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Edith Adella, b. in Milford, Oct. 7, 1875.
2. Katie Evelyn, b. in Milford, Nov. 9, 1877.
3. Florence May, b. in East Pepperell, Mass., Jan. 31, 1880.
4. Arthur Elmon, b. in East Pepperell, June 11, 1882.

#### HADLOCK.

Kendall Hadlock, born in Tyngsboro, Mass., May 19, 1786. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1834, from Hudson, and removed to New Boston in 1840, where he died Oct. 1, 1854. Married Abigail Tupper, born in Barnard, Vt., May 17, 1792, and died in New Boston, Feb. 18, 1879.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN HUDSON.

1. Polly, b. 1819; m. Thomas Searles, and res. in Milford and in Nashua; d. in Wilton, Jan. 19, 1887.
2. Silas Kendall, b. April 8, 1824; was a farmer; res. in New Boston, and d. in Milford, Feb. 10, 1894.
3. † John, b. April 5, 1827.
4. Samuel, b. July 20, 1829; is a contractor, and res. in Puget Sound.

John Hadlock, son of Kendall and Abigail (Tupper) Hadlock, born in Hudson, April 5, 1827. Came to Milford in 1866 from Amherst. Is a farmer. Served on board of selectmen for three years, and was for a time deputy sheriff. Married Nov. 10, 1857, Sarah E., daughter of Peter and Sarah (Fields) Carlton, born in Cambridgeport, Mass., March 22, 1836, and died in Milford, Jan. 29, 1892.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Samuel Arthur, b. in Amherst, May 22, 1860, and d. there Feb. 13, 1863.
2. Albert Emerson, b. in Amherst, Feb. 9, 1863; is a lawyer, res. in New York city.
3. John Carlton, b. in Milford, Jan. 12, 1873; is a student, res. in Milford.

## HALL.

Nathan Hall, son of Thomas and Lydia (Keyes) Hall, born in Billerica, Mass., Aug. 6, 1767. Was a blacksmith and farmer, residing in West Brookfield and New Braintree, Mass., coming to Milford in 1805, where he died Oct. 23, 1812. Married in 1790, Ruth, daughter of Perez and Abigail Waterman, born in Oakham, Mass., in 1769, and died in Milford, Jan 12, 1814.

## CHILDREN, SIX BORN IN WEST BROOKFIELD, MASS.

1. Hannah, b. March 17, 1791; m. in 1812, James, son of David and Phebe (Odall) Duncklee; res. in Merrimack, and d. at Weirs Bridge, Feb. 6, 1885.
2. † Martin Waterman, b. Nov. 21, 1793.
3. Bethiah, b. April 4, 1795; m. April 20, 1821, James, son of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson of Milford; res. there, and d. April 8, 1879.
4. Nathan, Jr., b. April 15, 1798; was a blacksmith, res. in New Boston, where he died Nov. 9, 1877; m. Nov. 22, 1821, Lucia Dodge of New Boston.
5. Lucia, b. in 1801; m. Oct., 1837, William Patterson of Merrimack; res. there, and d. Nov. 22, 1884.
6. Betsey, d. in infancy.
7. William, b. in New Braintree, Mass., in 1804; was a teacher and lawyer, res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Sept. 6, 1835, Eliza P., dau. of Dr. Joshua Hubbard of Lowell, Mass., and d. in Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27, 1837.
8. Lydia, b. in Milford, Oct. 1, 1806; m. May 10, 1835, Eli Sawtelle of Brookline; res. in Amherst, and d. there June 25, 1861.
9. Caroline, b. in Milford in 1808; m. in 1835, Dr. Calvin Cutter of Nashua; res. there and in Dover; d. in Milford, Sept. 28, 1841.
10. Benjamin, b. in Milford, Sept. 17, 1812; was a farmer, res. in Merrimack and in Bedford; d. in Bedford, May 4, 1895; m. April 13, 1836, Sarah M., dau. of Isaac and Betsey (Chandler) Atwood of Bedford.

Martin W. Hall, son of Nathan and Ruth (Waterman) Hall, born in West Brookfield, Mass., March 21, 1793. Was a farmer and blacksmith. Came to Milford with his father in 1805, where he died Oct. 21, 1850. Married June 1, 1819, Nancy, daughter of David and Sarah (Hood) Duncklee of Milford. She died July 21, 1880.

## CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Martin, b. Nov. 15, 1819.
2. Lavina, b. March 29, 1823; m. May 11, 1843, Hervey, son of Aaron K. and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam of Wilton; d. in Milford, June 8, 1897.
3. † William, b. June 21, 1826.
4. Caroline Louisa, b. Sept. 21, 1828, and d. in Milford, July 20, 1853.

Martin Hall, son of Martin W. and Nancy (Duncklee) Hall, born in Milford, Nov. 15, 1819. Was a blacksmith. Removed to San Francisco, Cal., about 1862, where he died April 5, 1880. Married Nov. 11, 1842, Susan, daughter of John and Sally (Peacock) Ober of Amherst.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Frederic, b. Oct. 20, 1843; is a master mechanic, res. in Tulare, Cal.; m. in 1868, Hattie, dau. of Samuel Weller of Montgomery, Cal.
2. Helen Maria, b. Aug. 24, 1851.
3. Anna Cora, b. March 12, 1854; m. June 26, 1888, Frank Hyde of Portland, Ore., and res. there.

William Hall, son of Martin W. and Nancy (Duncklee) Hall, born in Milford, June 21, 1826. Is a blacksmith. Removed to Gold Hill, Nev., about 1864, where he now resides. Married Jan. 1, 1848, Adaline M. Sawtelle of Milford, born in Ashburnham, Mass., May 1, 1830.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George William, b. Oct. 16, 1849; is a clerk, res. in San Francisco, Cal.
2. Ellen Louise, b. Nov. 9, 1851; m. Nov. 9, 1869, Henry K., son of Joseph and Rachel (Emmons) Lancaster of Milford; res. in Gold Hill, Nev.
3. Ernest Fremont, b. July 16, 1856; m. Louise S. Williams of Virginia City, Nev., and res. in Gold Hill, Nev.
4. Hattie Belle, b. March 5, 1863; m. Stanley Wright of Carson, Nev., and res. in Gold Hill, Nev.

David W. Hall, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Wyer) Hall, born in Medford, Mass., Sept. 7, 1795. Was a mason. Came to Milford in 1822 from Charlestown, Mass., residing in school district No. 5, known by the name of "the Osgood district."

and died there, May 4, 1882. Married June, 1819, Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Abihail (Childs) Ball, born in Bedford, Mass., July 9, 1799, and died in Milford, Dec. 3, 1865.

## CHILDREN, ALL BUT THE FIRST ONE BORN IN MILFORD.

1. David Francis, b. in Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 23, 1820; is a farmer, res. in Winchendon, Mass.; m. Nov. 6, 1850, Martha, dau. of John and Anna (Harvey) Farrar of Marlborough.
2. Henry Augustus, b. Dec. 24, 1823; d. Aug. 20, 1825.
3. Mary Antoinette, b. July 11, 1826; m. April 25, 1848, Joseph M., son of George and Alice N. (Colston) Sloan of Watertown, Mass.; res. in Milford.
4. Augusta, b. July 10, 1828; m. Dec. 25, 1851, John E., son of John and Anna (Harvey) Farrar of Marlborough; they reside in Carthage, N. Y.
5. Harriett E., b. Dec. 24, 1830; m. Oct. 8, 1867, Samuel, son of Abial and Rebecca Bartlett of Sharon, Vt.; res. there until after the death of Mr. Bartlett, when she returned to Milford, where she now resides.
6. Ruth Melicent, b. Nov. 10, 1834; m. March 29, 1855, William R., son of Ezra D. and Harriet (Felton) Clark of Amherst, and res. there.
7. † Thomas Briggs, b. March 4, 1839.

Thomas B. Hall, son of David W. and Mary (Ball) Hall, born in Milford, March 4, 1839. Is a quarryman, residing in Milford. Married April 5, 1866, Adaline A., daughter of Josiah D. and Almira (Lovejoy) Crosby, born in Amherst, May 12, 1842.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Florence Gertrude, b. Dec. 3, 1869; m. May 7, 1891, Hubert W., son of John F. and Mary E. (Hatch) Amsden of Milford.
2. † Louis Mortimer, b. Oct. 4, 1874.
3. Leonard Crosby, b. Feb. 25, 1884, and d. March 6, 1884.

Louis M. Hall, son of Thomas B. and Adaline A. (Crosby) Hall, born in Milford, Oct. 4, 1874. Is a clerk in a dry goods store, residing in Milford. Married March 5, 1896, Fannie M., daughter of Jesse R. and Frances A. (Follansbee) Wilkins, born in Mont Vernon, May 10, 1874.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mortimer Wilkins, b. Sept. 20, 1896.
2. Gladys Adella, b. Aug. 23, 1897.



Marsene S. Hall, son of Ira and Cynthia (Hight) Hall, born in Athens, Me., April 19, 1839. Was a painter. Came to Milford from Athens, Me., in 1862. Married (1) June 16, 1863, Sophronia A., daughter of Stillman S. and Emeline (Lull) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Jan. 8, 1840, and died there, Feb. 25, 1866; (2) Nov. 25, 1875, Luella C., daughter of Isaiah and Calista A. (Brown) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 5, 1848, and still resides there. He died Dec. 24, 1891.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harrie Jewett, afterwards changed to Henry, b. May 31, 1865; is a teacher, res. in Wickford, R. I.; m. Aug. 16, 1894, Grace A., dau. of Asa N. and Maroa C. (Harvey) Todd of New London.
2. Marion Cynthia, b. Nov. 11, 1879; res. with her mother.

Edward B. Hall, son of George and Harriet N. (Marden) Hall, born in Brookline, Feb. 21, 1863. Is a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Levi Curtis, and earlier by Ebenezer Averill, near the Mont Vernon line. Married March 12, 1892, Nellie F., daughter of Charles G. and Rosaline D. (Curtis) Rideout, born in Milford, July 17, 1869.

#### CHILD.

1. Ruth Mildred, b. in Milford, April 14, 1898.

Charles B. Hall, son of Charles F. and Sarah A. (Chapman) Hall, born in Pepperell, Mass., April 7, 1848. Is a farmer and miller. Came to Milford in 1888 from Pepperell, Mass., residing on place formerly owned by John Sargent, on the road to Milford Springs. Married Feb. 18, 1875, Charlotte A., daughter of Nathaniel B. and Rachel (Hall) Divoll, born in Peterborough, Sept. 23, 1853.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN PEPPERELL, MASS.

1. Leon Fletcher, b. Aug. 15, 1876; m. April 7, 1898, Hattie F., dau. of Dallas and Anna F. (Rogers) Sumner of Wilton; he is a painter, and res. in Manchester.
2. Florence Josephine, b. March 17, 1884.

Leon C. Hall, son of George N. and Ann E. (Gutterson) Hall, born in Wilton, April 10, 1872. Is a mechanic. Married Nov. 20, 1895, Flora L., daughter of Everett and Ella (Perkins) Hutchinson, born in Milford, April 5, 1875.



## CHILD.

1. Earl Perkins, b. Aug. 29, 1890.

## HAMBLETT.

Hezekiah Hamblett, son of Hezekiah, was born in Londonderry, June 26, 1794. Came to Milford in 1837 from Hollis. He was a farmer and cooper, residing on Federal Hill, on the place now owned by George E. Clark, until 1859, when he removed to the village, and died there June 2, 1880. Married (1) Dec. 11, 1817, Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Betsey (Hood) Lovejoy, born in Amherst, March 4, 1796, and died in Milford, Nov. 3, 1848; (2) March 8, 1849, Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Clarissa (Hoyt) Towne, born in Bow, July 31, 1814, and died in Milford, Oct. 25, 1884.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN HOLLIS.

1. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1818; m. Dec. 3, 1841, Ezra Willmuth, son of William, Jr., and Huldah (Hood) Peacock of Amherst, and res. there.
2. † Hezekiah Perkins, b. Aug. 16, 1820.
3. Joel, b. Dec. 18, 1826; d. Jan. 27, 1827.
4. † Joel W., b. June 22, 1828.
5. Miles, b. May 1, 1830; d. May 2, 1830.

Hezekiah P. Hamblett, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Lovejoy) Hamblett, born in Hollis, Aug. 16, 1820. Came to Milford with his father in 1837. Was a watchmaker and engraver. Married (1) May, 1842, Sarah D., daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Warner) Hood, born in Milford, Feb. 27, 1816; (2) June 25, 1857, Belinda Ann, daughter of Jeremiah, 2d. and Harriet (Elkins) Hood, born in Billerica, Mass., Aug. 9, 1837, and died in Milford, Feb. 28, 1870; (3) Jan. 21, 1871, Jennie E., widow of O. B. Wheeler and daughter of Jesse and — (Bacon) Dinsmore; (4) July 11, 1875, Maria A., daughter of Dr. John and Susan (Daniels) Burns, born in Milford, Feb. 19, 1840, and resides there. He died in Concord, Jan. 19, 1896.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Judson A., b. March 5, 1843.
2. Henrietta E., b. Oct. 17, 1848; m. in 1866, Nathaniel W., son of Jacob K. and Elida (Vauvalkenburg) Marshall of Nashua, and d. there, Dec. 4, 1883.

3. Emma F., b. July 23, 1853; m. Oct. 15, 1892, Henry L., son of Jesse and Rebecca (Blanchard) Robbins of Milford; they res. in Nashua.
4. Dellie Verona, b. May, 1857; d. March 1, 1875.
5. Lena Burns, b. March 21, 1877; is a music teacher, res. with her mother.

Joel W. Hamblett, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Lovejoy) Hamblett, born in Hollis, June 22, 1828. Came to Milford with his father in 1837. Is a carpenter, residing in the village. Married Jan. 5, 1854, Hulda Ann, daughter of Willard and Nancy (Peacock) Kendall, born in Hollis, Oct. 29, 1832.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Willard, b. April 8, 1855; d. Aug. 20, 1856.
2. Belle Clara, b. June 23, 1864; m. July 24, 1895, Julian M., son of William F. and Sarah A. (Bartlett) Tarbell of Milford, and res. there.

Judson A. Hamblett, son of Hezekiah P. and Sarah D. (Hood) Hamblett, born in Milford, March 5, 1843. Is employed in the custom house. Resided in Nashua and in Milford. Married Oct. 7, 1861, Mary J., daughter of Lucius B. and Lucinda (Low) Perkins, born in Nashua in 1845.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Charles Judson, b. in Nashua, Jan. 31, 1862; is a lawyer, and res. in Nashua; m. Oct. 3, 1894, Georgie E., dau. of David and Cornelia (Sawtelle) Stevens of Nashua.
2. Annie Mabel, b. 1872; m. Oct. 3, 1894, Arthur W., son of David and Dordana (Macomber) Dean of Nashua, and res. there.

Galen Hamblett, son of Peter and Polly (Goodhue) Hamblett, born in Dracut, Mass., June 22, 1806. Resided in Dracut and Lowell, Mass., coming from the latter place to Milford in 1852. Was a mason. Married Oct. 11, 1831, Sarah C., daughter of John and Ann (Cochran) Ames, born in Dixmont, Me., April 21, 1807, died in Milford, May 16, 1877. He died in Mason, April 6, 1884.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Jane, b. in Dracut, Mass., Nov. 23, 1834; m. Feb. 20, 1859, Samuel F. Livingstone of Mont Vernon; res. there and d. Nov. 16, 1877.

2. † Edward Galen, b. in Dracut, Mass., April 12, 1836.
3. † Orren Ames, b. in Dracut, Mass., April 29, 1838.
4. Gorham, b. in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 15, 1841, and d. there Aug. 25, 1842.
5. John D., b. in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 2, 1842, and d. there Oct. 8, 1842.
6. Albert A., b. in Lowell, Mass., April 11, 1844, and d. there Nov. 4, 1846.

Edward G. Hamblett, son of Galen and Sarah C. (Ames) Hamblett, born in Dracut, Mass., April 12, 1836. Is a tailor. Came to Milford with his father in 1852. Married Jan. 14, 1863, Susan J., daughter of David and Jane (Smith) Boynton, born in Lowell, Mass., Sept. 2, 1837.

## CHILD.

1. Frank Boynton, b. in Milford, Feb. 18, 1864, and d. there Sept. 1, 1878.

Orren A. Hamblett, son of Galen and Sarah C. (Ames) Hamblett, born in Dracut, Mass., April 29, 1838. Came to Milford with his father in 1852. Resided in Milford until 1883, when he removed to Mason, thence to Washington, D. C., where he now resides. Is a tailor and farmer; is now one of the capitol police. Married (1) Dec. 15, 1862, M. Lizzie, daughter of Abijah and Mary A. (Hood) Wood, born in Milford, June 7, 1842, died in Washington, D. C., Oct. 9, 1891; (2) Feb. 6, 1894, Harriet V., daughter of John and Almira (Hamblett) Ames, born in Dracut, Mass., March 21, 1857.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lillian Beatrice, b. in Milford, June 30, 1870; m. Oct. 15, 1896, Orlando W. Goodwin of Neosha, Wis.; he is a lawyer, now res. in Hillsborough, Ohio; they have one son, Harvey Hamblett Goodwin, b. Feb. 14, 1898.
2. Bertha Ashton, b. in Milford, June 5, 1875, and d. there May 25, 1880.
3. Lura Valentine, b. in Mason, Feb. 14, 1884; res. in Washington, D. C.
4. Susie Ethelyn, b. in Mason, Jan. 12, 1886; res. in Washington, D. C.
5. Marion Ames, b. in Washington, D. C., June 18, 1896.
6. Mildred Allen, b. in Washington, D. C., Nov. 8, 1898.

## HARRIS.

Andrew L. Harris, son of John B. and Amy (Leavitt) Harris, born in Lynn, Mass., Dec. 10, 1837. Is a commercial traveler. Came to Milford when a young man, remaining until 1882, when he removed to Swampscott, Mass., where he now resides. Married Dec. 11, 1869. Martha S., daughter of John and Sophia (Ober) Marvell, born in Milford, May 10, 1839.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John Andrew, b. May 2, 1872; d. July 24, 1872.
2. Susan Sophia, b. Aug. 12, 1873; m. June 2, 1894, George E., son of George and Emily (Peters) Smith of Swampscott, Mass., and res. in Columbus, Ohio.
3. Wilbur Andrew, b. May 16, 1877; is a student, res. at home.

## HARTSHORN.

George Hartshorn, son of Samuel and Sarah (Raymond) Hartshorn, born in Lyndeborough, April 15, 1814. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1854 from Mason, and resided on farm next to Mont Vernon line, formerly owned by Jesse Hutchinson, since owned by Joel Shedd. Afterward resided on place once owned by Dean Moore, on road to Mason, where he died Jan. 18, 1890. Married Aug. 22, 1838, Mary A., daughter of Israel and Mary (Sargent) Putnam, born in Lyndeborough, Oct. 1, 1818, and died in Milford, Jan. 22, 1882.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MASON.

1. † Dodge Goodell (twin), b. Feb. 15, 1841.
2. † George Raymond (twin), b. Feb. 15, 1841.
3. William Newton, b. Oct. 28, 1845; m. Oct. 28, 1875, Ella S., dau. of Daniel S. Ford of Boston, and res. there.
4. † Sumner Sewell, b. Sept. 13, 1848.
5. Mary Angeline, b. Jan. 18, 1854; m. June 1, 1876, James B., son of Rev. James Upham of Chelsea, Mass., and res. in Malden.

Dodge G. Hartshorn, son of George and Mary A. (Putnam) Hartshorn, born in Mason, Feb. 15, 1841. Came to Milford in 1854 with his father. Is a farmer. Has resided in several places; now resides in Milford village. Married March 4, 1863, Mary F., daughter of Andrew W. and Abby (Stephens)



Raymond, born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 7, 1844, and died in Milford, Aug. 17, 1899.

## CHILD.

1. May Raymond, b. in Milford, March 24, 1865; m. April 23, 1891, Delette O., son of Reuben and Carrie M. (Johnson) Handley of Concord, Mass.; they res. in Milford; no children.

George R. Hartshorn, son of George and Mary A. (Putnam) Hartshorn, born in Mason, Feb. 15, 1841. Is a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Nathaniel Hutchinson, on road to Lyndeborough, one half mile from town-house. Married Nov. 24, 1864, Jennie P., daughter of Richard and Sarah (Stevens) Young, born in Manchester, May 13, 1847.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Edgar, b. in Milford, Dec. 30, 1867; is a farmer, res. in Amherst; m. June 20, 1894, Ina W. Main of Milford, dau. of John and Charlotte L. (Reid) Main of Gloucester, Mass.
2. Ethel Susan, b. in Amherst, Dec. 11, 1878; res. with her parents.

Sumner S. Hartshorn, son of George and Mary A. (Putnam) Hartshorn, born in Mason, Sept. 13, 1848. Is a farmer, residing in Lyndeborough. Married (1) March 27, 1872, Anstress A., daughter of Joel H. and Eliza A. Gutterson, born in Milford, June 2, 1851, and died there, March 26, 1877; (2) May 18, 1878, Mary C., daughter of William N. and Mary L. (Smith) Patterson, born in Wentworth, Nov. 23, 1856, and died in Milford, Dec. 28, 1892.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sumner Louis, b. May 19, 1887.
2. Bertha Adella, b. April 17, 1889.

Samuel G. Hartshorn, son of Samuel and Lucinda (Woodward) Hartshorn, born in Lyndeborough, June 29, 1838. Is a farmer. Resided in Greenfield and Wilton, coming to Milford in 1882. Married (1) April 15, 1862, Myra S., daughter of Nathan and Sarah S. (Newell) Moore, born in Sharon, April 17, 1838, and died in Greenfield, April 9, 1880; (2) May 12, 1881, Sarah A., widow of Hale C. Gleason, and daughter of Willard and Elizabeth (Gould) Stiles, born in Greenfield, July 9, 1841.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN GREENFIELD.

1. Fred Gilman, b. Sept. 22, 1864; is a banker, res. in Manchester; m. June 30, 1896, Minnie L. Tasker.
2. Perley Nathan, b. June 19, 1866; d. in Denver, Col., Oct. 9, 1889.

## HASELTINE.

James G. Haseltine, son of John and Betsey (Batchelder) Haseltine, born in Amherst, Feb. 22, 1825. Is a farmer, coming to Milford from Amherst in 1889. Married Oct. 6, 1854, Mary J., daughter of Barzillia and Patience (Beebe) Hinds, born in Sandwich, March, 1822.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN AMHERST.

1. Mary Frances, b. Nov. 13, 1857; m. April 29, 1890, George D., son of John D. and Jane M. (Wells) Armstrong of Amherst; they res. in Milford, on farm formerly owned by David Hutchinson.
2. John Edward, b. April 9, 1859; is a merchant; m. Nov. 22, 1892, Mabel L., dau. of Levi F. and Hannah B. (Hutchinson) Lowell of Reeds Ferry, and res. there.
3. Charles Frederick, b. May 13, 1861; is a carpenter, res. in Milford; m. June 26, 1895, Grace A., dau. of John S. and Mary (Smith) Smiley of Milford; she d. Nov. 7, 1898, leaving one child, Olive Grace, b. Oct. 5, 1898.

## HATCH.

Charles G. Hatch, son of Lyman and Polly (Fay) Hatch, born in Hopkinton, Mass., Dec. 4, 1826. Came to Milford in 1864 from Lyndeborough. Is a carriage dealer. Married Oct. 24, 1849, Elizabeth, daughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Goodwin) Blanchard, born in Lyndeborough, Sept. 19, 1829.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Lyndeborough, Aug. 31, 1850; m. (1) Oct. 10, 1867, John F., son of Timothy and Martha (Hill) Amsden of Milford; (2) Nov. 10, 1891, Henry A., son of John H. and Julia A. (Davis) Sheridan of Milford, and res. there.
2. Charles Andrew, b. in Milford, July 7, 1852; is a physician and res. in Newark, Ohio; m. June 18, 1878, Annie G., dau. of Dr. Albert and Charlotte (Williams) Barrows of Newark, O.
3. George Windsor, b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 3, 1855; is a physician, res. in Wilton; m. Feb. 25, 1880, Marcella, dau. of William Harrison and Lydia J. (Baldwin) Smith of Milford.
4. Fred Stanley, b. in Lyndeborough, March 5, 1859; is an attorney, res. in Iarned, Kan.; m. May 22, 1883, Isabelle B., dau. of Isaiah and Calista (Brown) Hutchinson of Amherst.

5. Frank Seymour, b. in Lyndeborough, Dec. 27, 1860; is a jobber, res. in Nashua; m. April 2, 1888, Josephine, dau. of John and Eliza (Barnard) Dustin of Townsend, Mass.
6. Arthur Clarence, b. in Milford, Sept. 27, 1863; is manager of printing establishment, res. in Newark, Ohio; m. Dec. 25, 1885, Jessie P., dau. of David N. and Elizabeth (Morse) Butterfield of Milford, b. in New Boston.
7. Lilla Belle, b. in Milford, Jan. 22, 1866; d. Nov. 22, 1889.
8. Bessie Gertrude, b. in Milford, Feb. 15, 1869; m. Oct. 18, 1889, Elmer B., son of Jason T. and Eliza A. (Hutchinson) Burns of Milford, and res. there.
9. Ernest Goodwin, b. in Milford, Jan. 27, 1872; is an insurance agent, res. in Hartford, Conn.; m. Nov. 15, 1896, Jennie E., dau. of William and Frances E. (Russell) Berry of Hartford, Conn.

Appleton M. Hatch, son of Lyman and Polly (Fay) Hatch, born in Southboro, Mass., Oct. 24, 1829. Was a bootmaker. Came to Milford in 1851 from Southboro, Mass. Married April 17, 1850, Delia, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Tolman) Brown, born in Gardiner, Me., Oct. 28, 1833, and died in Milford, July 10, 1897. He died July 23, 1896.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Henry, b. Jan. 19, 1853; d. Aug. 3, 1880, from burns in a burning building.
2. George Edgar, b. March 4, 1857; is a laborer, res. in Nashua; m. Oct. 18, 1883, Lizzie E., dau. of Ambrose G. and Mary (Willoby) Stearns of Milford.
3. Ida Maria, b. March, 1860; m. July 4, 1880, Walter R., son of Sumner and Martha S. (Brown) Eaton of Marlboro, Mass., and res. in Milford.

#### HAWKINS.

Floyd F. Hawkins, son of Ferdinand and Charlotte (Amsden) Hawkins, born in Reading, Vt., Jan. 26, 1835. Is a mechanic, coming to Milford in 1891 from Peterborough. Was in Sixteenth regiment of volunteers from Vermont in War of 1861 to 1865. Married March 14, 1865, Laura, daughter of Silas and Salome (Davis) Robinson, born in Reading, Vt., April 7, 1846.

#### CHILDREN.

1. † George Ferdinand, b. in Reading, Vt., April 2, 1866.
2. † Ernest Floyd, b. in Reading, Vt., April 22, 1868.

3. Lorette Charlotte, b. in Acworth, June 30, 1878; m. July 28, 1896, Dr. Charles F., son of Charles and Frances Berry of Boston, Mass.; they res. in Needham, Mass.

George F. Hawkins, son of Floyd F. and Laura (Robinson) Hawkins, born in Reading, Vt., April 2, 1866. Is foreman in the basket manufactory. Came to Milford in 1891 from Peterborough. Married Jan. 10, 1894, Lillian E., daughter of Richard W. and Mary (Sumner) Jordan, born in Boston, Mass., July 20, 1876.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Esther Beatrice, b. Nov. 14, 1894.
2. Floyd Richard, b. July 10, 1897.
3. Ruth Marion, b. Dec. 6, 1898.

Ernest F. Hawkins, son of Floyd F. and Laura (Robinson) Hawkins, born in Reading, Vt., April 22, 1868. Came to Milford from Peterborough in 1891. Is a mechanic. Married June 24, 1891, Cora E., daughter of Oscar W. and Margie A. (Needham) Davis, born in Peterborough, Dec. 11, 1869.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Marguerite Avon, b. in Peterborough, April 24, 1892.
2. Curtis Dean, b. in Milford, Jan. 12, 1900.

#### HAY.

William Hay, son of Thomas and Mary (Gale) Hay, born in Merrimack in 1774. Was a preacher. Came to Milford in 1824, and died in Milford, Nov. 17, 1862. Married about 1798, Betsey Cushing, born in Boston in 1772, and died in Milford, June 23, 1841.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN BOSTON, MASS.

1. Mary, b. May 5, 1800; d. in Milford, Aug. 25, 1884, unm.
2. Eliza, b. —; res. in Milford; d. in Belleview, Fla.
3. William, b. —; was a farmer and carpenter; res. in Boston, Nashua, and Merrimack, and d. there; m. Emily A. Hammond of Newton, Mass.
4. Benjamin, b. —; was a farmer; res. in Merrimack; unm.; d. in Milford.
5. James.

## HAYWARD.

Nehemiah Hayward, Jr., born in 1779. Was a farmer, living on place near Wilton line, which he disposed of and removed to Baltimore, Md., where he died May 16, 1849. Married April 29, 1806, Rebecca S., daughter of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, October, 1780, and died in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 9, 1850.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey, b. March 19, 1807; m. April 28, 1829, David, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson of Milford; res. there, and d. July 20, 1863.
2. George Milton, b. Aug. 12, 1808; m. Aug. 18, 1834, Nancy, dau. of Zebediah and Elizabeth (Hale) Abbot of Wilton; they res. in Milford, where he d. April 7, 1840.
3. Lucretia, b. April 24, 1810; m. Sept. 9, 1834, Samuel Blanchard of Rockingham, Vt.; res. in Milford, Ohio, where she d. June 22, 1859.
4. Nehemiah Peabody, b. Jan. 16, 1813; m. Prudence S. Carmen; res. in Baltimore, Md., and d. there Aug. 17, 1860.
5. Jonas Hutchinson, b. June 23, 1815; m. Mary A. Bronwell; res. in Baltimore, Md., where he d. May 23, 1866.
6. Charles S., b. March 3, 1818; m. Aug. 4, 1853, Sophia, dau. of Charles and Sophia (Rollington) Nagle, b. in Frederick, Md., Aug. 24, 1835; they res. in Milford, where he d. Dec. 28, 1857.
7. Rebecca S., b. in 1822; d. in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 3, 1841.

## HEALD.

Oliver Heald, son of Amos and Sybil (Brown) Heald, born in Temple, Oct. 1, 1790. Was a cloth dresser and farmer, residing in Nelson. Came to Milford in 1849, and removed to Peterborough in 1857, where he died Oct. 5, 1867. Married (1) April 30, 1816, Patty, daughter of Oliver and Martha (Dunster) Wright, born in Nelson, March 28, 1794, and died in Milford, Aug. 19, 1854; (2) March 16, 1858, Relief, daughter of Thomas, Jr., and Relief (White) Little, born in Peterborough, Dec. 3, 1800, and died there, April 27, 1886.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NELSON.

1. † Addison, b. Feb. 25, 1817.
2. Albert, b. Dec. 12, 1818; is a clergyman, and has res. in several places as a pastor; now res. in West Gardner, Mass.; m. March 7, 1848, Harriet, dau. of Joel and Polly (Waite) Munson of LeRoy, N. Y.; she d. in West Gardner, Mass., Feb. 8, 1899.



3. Sarah Dunster, b. Nov. 14, 1820; m. April 20, 1848, William, son of Othni and Anna (Davis) Crosby; res. in Milford, and d. there July 8, 1889.
4. Emily, b. Dec. 18, 1823; m. November, 1851, Rev. John Q. A., son of Benjamin and Martha (Chapin) Ware; res. in various places until the death of her husband, when she came to Milford to res. with her dau., where she d. Jan. 8, 1894.
5. † Henry, b. Dec. 23, 1825.
6. Lydia, b. Feb. 7, 1828; m. (1) Sept. 14, 1847, Milan W., son of Milan and Lois (Wright) Harris of Harrisville; (2) July 27, 1876, Joseph K., son of Cyrus and Lonisa (Stratton) Russell of Massillon, O.; res. there, and d. Feb. 9, 1888.
7. William, b. June 14, 1830; d. Feb. 25, 1831.
8. † David, b. Oct. 6, 1832.
9. Almira, b. Jan. 20, 1835; m. Nov. 24, 1859, Alonzo, son of Frederick and Rhoda (Battles) French of South Royalston, Mass.; they res. in Athol, Mass., where she d. Feb. 28, 1889.
10. Edwin, b. July 4, 1837, and d. Aug. 17, 1840.

Addison Heald, son of Oliver and Patty (Wright) Heald, born in Nelson, Feb. 25, 1817. Was a plane maker, residing in Marion, Ohio, and in Hudson, coming to Milford from the latter place in 1868, and died there Jan. 19, 1895. Married Feb. 1, 1849, Jane E., daughter of Daniel L. and Polly (Riddle) French, born in Bedford, July 25, 1824.

#### CHILDREN.

1. † Daniel Milton, b. in Marion, O., Jan. 9, 1852.
2. Jennie Mary, b. in Marion, O., July 5, 1853; m. June 24, 1872, Rev. J. Lewis, son of Nathaniel and Huldah (Rogers) Merrill of Hebron, Me. After the death of her husband she returned to Milford, where she is engaged in dressmaking. She has one son, who is a physician, res. in Leominster, Mass.
3. Willie Addison, b. in Milford, Feb. 22, 1857, and d. April 9, 1857.
4. Sarah Maria, b. in Hudson, June 4, 1858; m. June 4, 1879, Albert G., son of George, Jr., and Betsey A. (Hyde) Kingsbury of Francetown, and res. in Winter Park, Fla.

Henry Heald, son of Oliver and Patty (Wright) Heald, born in Nelson, Dec. 23, 1825. Employed in a tannery for many years, coming to Milford when a young man, and removed to Amherst in 1895, where he now resides. Married (1) May 5, 1852, Frances, daughter of Stephen C. and Sarah (Andrews) Marshall, born in Milford, July 9, 1828, and died there Sept. 28, 1869; (2) Aug. 24, 1872, Lucy Jane, daughter of David



D. and Lydia (Page) McKean, born in Bedford, May 31, 1824, and died in Milford, May 2, 1893.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John H., b. Aug. 9, 1861; d. Aug. 19, 1861.
2. Arthur C., b. May 14, 1863; d. Dec. 13, 1868.
3. Estella Frances, b. April 27, 1868; m. March 2, 1895, Walter, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth W. (Whitcomb) Bohonon of Wilton; they res. in Amherst.

David Heald, son of Oliver and Patty (Wright) Heald, born in Nelson, Oct. 6, 1832. Came to Milford in 1850, engaging in mechanical labor. Is now manufacturing furniture, having the largest plant of this sort in this part of the state. Married (1) Nov. 27, 1856, Mary S., daughter of Ebenezer and Sally S. (Sawin) Frost, born in Ashburnham, Mass., March, 1833, and died in Milford, Nov. 9, 1858; (2) Oct. 22, 1862, Mary E., daughter of Calvin and Elvira (Wallingford) Stone, born in Marlborough, June 19, 1840, and died in Milford, March 15, 1892; (3) Nov. 19, 1896, Lucretia A., widow of Edward A. Burns, and daughter of Stillman S. and Emeline G. (Lull) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 19, 1837.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ella Frances, b. April 15, 1858; d. Sept. 21, 1858.
2. † Edward Stone, b. Jan. 31, 1864.
3. † Frank Herbert, b. June 19, 1866.
4. Florence Mabel, b. Nov. 11, 1867; m. Sept. 29, 1896, Charles F., son of Arthur C. and Juliette S. (French) Morse of Malden, Mass., and res. there.
5. Clara May, b. Dec. 15, 1870, and d. Aug. 1, 1871.
6. Mary Susan, b. May 20, 1873; m. Jan. 23, 1896, Fred N. Hutchinson of Milford, b. in Brookline.
7. Harriet Louise, b. April 21, 1878; is a teacher in a training school for nurses.

Daniel Milton Heald, son of Addison and Jane E. (French) Heald, born in Marion, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1852. Is a plane maker. Came to Milford from Hudson in 1868. Married Dec. 24, 1874, Teresa A., daughter of John C. and Hannah (Newcomb) Dickie, born in Cornwallis, N. S., March 19, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Leonah Dickie, b. Jan. 9, 1876.
2. Oliver Riddle, b. Nov. 8, 1878; d. Sept. 30, 1884.

3. Ralph Addison, b. Jan. 11, 1881; d. Oct. 10, 1884.
4. Walter Milton, b. Oct. 21, 1886.
5. Carl William, b. July 19, 1888.

Edward S. Heald, son of David and Mary E. (Stone) Heald, born in Milford, Jan. 31, 1864. Is superintendent of furniture manufactory, residing in Milford. Married Oct. 6, 1886. Annie L., daughter of Henry D. and Cynthia A. C. (Hardy) Epps, born in Francestown, Nov. 9, 1862.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edna Gertrude, b. Aug. 16, 1887.
2. Emory David, b. April 4, 1890.
3. Hermann, b. May 15, 1896.
4. Mary Elizabeth, b. April 20, 1900.

Frank H. Heald, son of David and Mary E. (Stone) Heald, born in Milford, June 19, 1865. Is a shipping clerk, residing in Milford. Married Oct. 9, 1895. Laura, daughter of Gustavus L. and Emily (Fairbanks) Goodell of Boston, Mass., born in New Britain, Conn., April 7, 1869.

#### CHILD.

1. Constance, b. in Milford, July 22, 1896.

Alfred W. Heald, son of Jefferson and Mary A. (Powers) Heald, born in Dublin, Jan. 30, 1837. Came to Milford in 1860 from Athol, Mass., and removed to Nashua in 1877. Superintendent in a furniture manufactory. Married Nov. 13, 1860. Mary E., daughter of Edwin G. and Mary (Hibbard) Coffin, born in Bethel, Me., Dec. 22, 1839.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clara Emeline, b. Nov. 28, 1861; d. Nov. 30, 1861.
2. Charles Alfred, b. May 1, 1864; is a pattern maker, res. in Nashua; m. May 7, 1890, Grace, dau. of Job and Eliza R. (Barnes) Wallace of Nashua.
3. Elwyn Weston, b. April 27, 1868; was a shipping clerk, res. in Nashua; m. Sept. 16, 1890, Lizzie, dau. of William and Caroline (Bullard) Whipple of Nashua, and d. there Jan. 31, 1893.
4. Louis Harris, b. Oct. 10, 1869; was a shoe cutter, res. in Nashua, and d. there March 19, 1891.

William P. Heald, son of Jefferson and Mary A. (Powers) Heald, born in Dublin, March, 1840. Was a mechanic. Came

to Milford from Dublin in 1862, and died there Feb. 18, 1868. Married (1) Jan. 6, 1864, Huldah, daughter of Ebenezer and Sally S. (Sawin) Frost, born in Ashburnham, Mass., January, 1841, and died in Milford, Nov. 15, 1866; (2) Oct. 24, 1867, Eunice S., daughter of Dimon and Susan S. (Spalding) Pearsons, born in Milford, Oct. 24, 1839. She was a very successful music teacher for several years. She died in Milford, Jan. 21, 1885.

## CHILD.

1. George, b. in Milford, December, 1864, and d. Aug. 10, 1865.

Josiah Heald, son of Nathan and Anna (Stickney) Heald, born in Temple, July 27, 1813, and died in Milford, Sept. 18, 1882. He was a mechanic and stone-mason. Married March 3, 1844, Sarah M., daughter of Barzillia and Patience (Beebe) Hinds, born in Sandwich, Aug. 31, 1817, and died in Milford, Feb. 8, 1895. No children.

James B. Heald, son of Clement and Milly (Heald) Heald, born in Temple, April 12, 1845. Is a jeweler. Came to Milford from Temple in 1868. Married May 5, 1868, Susan M., daughter of Charles P. and Jane (Drew) Barry, born in Lynn, Mass., Nov. 20, 1842.

## CHILD.

1. Charles Brainard, b. in Milford, Feb. 28, 1871; is a clerk, res. with his father.

## HEMENWAY.

William W. Hemenway, son of Daniel W. and Sophia (Adams) Hemenway, born in Lexington, Mass., Aug. 12, 1836. Came to Milford from Natick, Mass., in 1875. Is an editor and printer. Married Jan. 14, 1857, Mary O., daughter of Washington and Mary E. (Robbins) Clapp, born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 22, 1837.

## CHILDREN.

1. Rodney Field, b. in Wrentham, Mass., July 5, 1858; is a reporter, and res. in Lowell, Mass.
2. Jennie Gardner, b. in Wrentham, Mass., Nov. 4, 1860, and d. there, Nov. 16, 1861.

3. Mary Grace, b. in Holliston, Mass., Sept. 13, 1865; m. Aug. 23, 1880, Willis D., son of Daniel W. and Lucy M. (Ober) Sargent; res. in Milford.
4. George Lincoln, b. in Natick, Mass., Feb. 8, 1868, and d. there, May 12, 1872.
5. Edith Wesson, b. in Natick, Mass., June 20, 1872; m. Sept. 22, 1896, James, son of Alexander W. and Elizabeth I. (Anderson) Cheyne of Milford, and res. there.
6. Ralph Gardner, b. in Natick, Mass., Nov. 21, 1874; is employed in the morocco works in Marblehead, Mass.; m. July 8, 1899, Mary E. Breere of Marblehead, Mass.
7. Carrie Lyman, b. in Milford, June 8, 1879.

### HENNIGAN.

David Hennigan, son of Patrick and Johanna (Buckley) Hennigan, born in Ireland in 1822. Is a quarryman. Came to Milford from Lyndeborough in 1874, residing at East Milford. Married Eliza, daughter of Jerry and Mary (Hickey) Brosnehan, born in Ireland in 1835, died in Milford, Jan. 13, 1881.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN BOSTON, MASS.

1. Patrick; d. in Boston while very young.
2. David; d. in Boston while very young.
3. Mary Ellen; d. in Boston while very young.
4. Thomas John, b. July 24, 1863; is a plumber, res. in Charlestown, Mass., unm.
5. † David Henry, b. July 12, 1865.
6. Lizzie Ellen, b. Dec. 5, 1869; m. May 31, 1897, James W., son of Frank and Lucy (Tucker) Philbrick of Milford; res. there, and d. Feb. 19, 1900.

David H. Hennigan, son of David and Eliza (Brosnehan) Hennigan, born in Boston, Mass., July 12, 1865. Is a quarryman, residing at East Milford. Married Dec. 14, 1885, Carrie E., daughter of Francis M. and Betsey (Aham) Cole, born in Lowell, Mass., March 7, 1866.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Francis Albert, b. July 11, 1887; d. June 11, 1888.
2. Edward Francis, b. June 6, 1889.
3. Bessie Winnifred, b. March 21, 1891; d. Dec. 30, 1891.
4. Bertram Charles, b. Sept. 6, 1895; d. Feb. 23, 1896.
5. Annie Elizabeth, b. Jan. 3, 1898.
6. David Thomas, b. Aug. 11, 1899.



## HENRY.

Samuel Henry, born in Milford in 1786. Was a farmer, living in school district No. 3. Married Aug. 10, 1809, Minerva, daughter of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson of Milford, born Jan. 31, 1792, and died June 14, 1831. He died Dec. 24, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Christiana, b. March 23, 1810; d. Feb. 4, 1829.
2. George W., b. Aug. 20, 1812.

## HILL.

Timothy B. Hill, son of James and Huldah (Peabody) Hill, born in Mont Vernon, June 22, 1832. Was a moulder in an iron foundry for many years. Married Aug. 26, 1862, Janette, daughter of Joel W. and Lucretia (Averill) Duncklee, born in Milford, July 5, 1838. They came to Milford from Gardner, Mass., in 1884.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN AMHERST.

1. Minnie Belle, b. March 14, 1864; m. Nov. 27, 1888, Frank C., son of James C. and Susan (Hayden) Boutelle of Milford; they res. in Manchester.
2. Anna Lucretia, b. Aug. 20, 1866; m. Dec. 9, 1890, John G., son of James C. and Susan (Hayden) Boutelle of Milford; she res. there.
3. Katie Janette, b. July 17, 1870; d. in Milford, July 31, 1891.
4. Luetta May, b. Sept. 9, 1874; d. Feb. 15, 1875.

Elmer E. Hill, son of Robert B. and Lucy Jane (McKean) Hill, born in Clinton, Mass., Aug. 15, 1851. Came from Nashua to Milford in 1882. Is national secretary of the order of Daughters of Liberty. Married Nov. 3, 1874, Belle E., daughter of Xenophen E. and Harriet R. (Melzar) Mills, born Milford, May 8, 1851.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NASHUA.

1. William Carroll, b. May 14, 1875.
2. Maude Ethelyn, b. Dec. 4, 1876.

## HINDS.

Barzillia Hinds, son of Rev. Orlando and Mary (Brackett) Hinds, born in Portland, Me., March 11, 1807. Was a mason.



Came to Milford in 1870 from Boston, Mass. Married April 12, 1831, Selura, daughter of Israel and Phila (Emerson) Aldrich. born in Bow, Jan. 26, 1808. He died in Milford, Oct. 25, 1878. She died in Boston, Mass., July, 1890.

## CHILDREN.

1. Alfred Edwin, b. in Chichester, Jan. 31, 1832; res. in Lowell, Mass.; was a member of the fire department, and d. there Nov. 15, 1855, unm.
2. † Wm. Henry Weed, b. in Chichester, Aug. 1, 1833.
3. Harriet Atwood Newell, b. in Chichester, Aug. 26, 1843; m. Nov. 19, 1881, Edwin H., son of Richard H. and Rebecca A. (McIntire) Pierce of Milford, and res. there.
4. Selura Adeline Wilson, b. in Chichester, Feb. 19, 1845; m. (1) June 17, 1862, Norman J. Ray of Boston, Mass., and res. there; Mr. Ray d. in one year after his marriage; (2) Sept. 7, 1867, Charles T. Jenkins of Boston, Mass., and res. in St. Paul, Minn.
5. Llewellyn Barzillia, b. in Boston, Mass., Oct. 15, 1851; is the superintendent of Boston Fire and Police Notification Co.; res. in Boston, Mass.; m. Feb. 4, 1880, Harriet P., dau. of Stephen S. and Sarah C. (Bennet) Mixer of Milford.

William H. W. Hinds, son of Barzillia and Selura (Aldrich) Hinds, born in Chichester, Aug. 1, 1833. Was a physician and surgeon. Came here from Boston, Mass., early in 1865, and died here July 29, 1897. Married (1) Aug. 23, 1861, Harriet M., daughter of Dimon and Harriet (Parmenter) Twiss, born in Antrim, January 29, 1836, and died in Milford, Feb. 7, 1870; (2) Aug. 17, 1880, Margaret A., widow of John W. Twiss of Antrim and daughter of John E. and Mary L. (Kingsbury) Price, born in Plattsburg, N. Y., June 15, 1837, and died in Milford, Jan. 12, 1890.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Edwin Howard, b. July 4, 1865.
2. Wm. Henry Weed, Jr., b. July 22, 1867; is a physician; res. on Nashua street, where his father formerly lived; m. Jan. 5, 1897, K. Maud, dau. of John and Mary C. (Bullard) Kenney of Milford.

Edwin H. Hinds, son of Dr. Wm. H. W., and Harriet M. (Twiss) Hinds, born in Milford, July 4, 1865. Is a jobber. Married Nov. 23, 1889, Almedia C., daughter of Antoine and Josephine (Neddo) Gauthier, born in Chateaugay, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1870.

## CHILD.

1. Orlando William, b. in Milford, Nov. 13, 1899.

## HOBBS.

Humphrey Hobbs, son of William and Sarah (Knight) Hobbs, born in Topsfield, Mass., Feb. 18, 1711. Was a farmer. Came from Topsfield, Mass., about 1740, settling in Souhegan West, now Amherst, thence removed to the Mile Slip, now the western part of Milford, where he died in 1756. He was one of the six original members of the church organized in Amherst, Sept. 22, 1741, coming from the church in Middleton, Mass., and was elected deacon Jan. 6, 1742, but resigned the next year to enter the military service against the French and the Indians. Married July 27, 1737, Anna Symonds, born Nov. 20, 1713, and died in Milford Sept. 9, 1791.

## CHILDREN.

1. Anna, b. in Topsfield, March 28, 1739; m. John Brown.
2. Joseph, b. in Amherst, April 20, 1743.
3. Susannah, b. in Amherst, Sept. 1, 1745; m. May 4, 1769, Aaron Peabody, and res. on a farm in the west part of Milford, where she d. Aug. 7, 1827.
4. Samuel, b. in Milford, Sept. 17, 1750.

## HODGMAN.

Edward L. Hodgman, son of Timothy and Charlotte (Willoby) Hodgman, born in Amherst, July 9, 1843. Is a farmer. Came here in 1887 from Hollis. Married, Jan. 23, 1868, Almeda T., daughter of David D. and Elizabeth P. (Blanchard) McKean, born in Amherst, Jan. 5, 1846.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lottie Elizabeth, b. in Nashua, July 27, 1869; res. with her parents; unm.
2. Charles David, b. in Hollis, Sept. 22, 1881.

## HODLIN.

John E. Hodlin, son of John and Mary J. (Reynolds) Hodlin, born in Chazy, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1857. Came to Milford from Nashua in 1889. Is a mechanic. Married Nov. 22,

1877, Mary L., daughter of Robert and Lucy (Allen) Roby, born in Chazy, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1857.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Mercy Ann, b. in Chazy, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1873; m. Jan. 30, 1897, Lorenzo C. Cole of Nashua, and res. there.
2. Homer Edmund, b. in Chazy, N. Y., May 9, 1880.
3. Lucy Jane, b. in Chazy, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1882.
4. Oscar Edward, b. in Chazy, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1885.
5. Lottie May, b. in Nashua, Oct. 5, 1887.
6. Rosie Emma, b. in Milford, June 6, 1890.

#### HOLLAND.

Timothy Holland, son of Daniel Holland, born in Ireland in 1800. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1850, and died there Dec. 20, 1878. Married in 1817, Mary, daughter of Patrick Flinn, born in Ireland in 1800. and died there before the family came to this country.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN IRELAND.

1. †Michael, b. Sept. 16, 1818.
2. John, b. 1820; returned to Ireland and not heard from.
3. Daniel, b. —; m. Ellen Halloran of Ireland; is a farmer and res. in Millville, Mass.
4. Hannah, b. —; m. Patrick Cronin; res. in Milford and Holyoke, Mass., where she d. in 1884.
5. †Timothy, Jr., b. Aug. 29, 1839.

Michael Holland, son of Timothy and Mary (Flinn) Holland, born in Kerry Co., Ire., Sept. 16, 1818. Came to Milford in 1853. Resided on farm formerly owned by John Burns, Jr., and later by Asa Burns. Married (1) April, 1853, Mary, daughter of Lawrence and Hannah (Nelligan) Wallace, born in Kerry Co., Ire., in 1822, and died in Milford, Dec. 28, 1858; (2) January, 1860, Margaret, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Sullivan) Doyle, born in Kenmull, Ire., November, 1825.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, 1853; m. Nov. 26, 1874, Michael Mullen of Boston, Mass., and res. in Waltham, Mass.
2. † Thomas George, b. April 8, 1855.
3. James Peter, b. May 14, 1857; d. Oct. 28, 1875.
4. Ellen Jane, b. Jan. 20, 1862; res. at home; unm.

5. Margaret Theresa, b. July 20, 1865; m. June 29, 1869, James Shea of Wilton, and res. there.
6. Alice Gertrude, b. Sept. 20, 1868; m. Oct. 28, 1893, John E., son of Dennis and Mary (Bailey) McCarthy of Laconia, and res. there.
7. Daniel, b. Oct. 2, 1870; is a farmer; res. with his father; unm.

Timothy Holland, Jr., born in Kerry Co., Ire., Aug. 29, 1839. Came from Ireland in 1850. Is a farmer. Resides on place formerly owned by Abel C. Crosby. Married (1) June 17, 1865, Margaret, daughter of Michael and Mary (Long) Finerty, born in Galway Co., Ire., March, 1833, and died in Milford, July 2, 1887; (2) Aug. 29, 1888, Margaret, daughter of John and Margaret (Varley) Powers, born in Galway Co., Ire., March, 1845, and died in Milford, June 29, 1899.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary A., b. May 21, 1868; res. in Milford.
2. Frank David, b. Oct. 26, 1869; is a farmer; res. in Milford; m. Sept. 13, 1893, Mary, dau. of John and Kate (Courtney) Coffey of Milford.
3. James Timothy, b. March 24, 1871; is a motorman; res. in Brighton, Mass.; m. Oct. 14, 1896, Blanche W., dau. of George F. and Sarah A. (Boutelle) McIlvin, b. in Antrim, Feb. 26, 1878.
4. Lizzie Jane, b. April 4, 1876; is a teacher; res. in Milford.

Thomas G. Holland, son of Michael and Mary (Wallace) Holland, born in Milford, April 8, 1855, is a grocer, and resides there. Married (1) June, 1878, Hannah, daughter of John and Catherine (Barry) Dillon, born in Wilton, March, 1861, and died there June, 1883; (2) Jan. 30, 1885, Mary A., widow of Thomas Ward, and daughter of Patrick and Johannah (Dineen) Dillon, born in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 23, 1850.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edward, b. in Wilton, Dec. 24, 1878; is a currier, res. in Woburn, Mass.
2. Madeline Cecelia, b. in Milford, Oct. 24, 1880; res. in Wilton.
3. Bernice Hilda, b. in Wilton, May 6, 1886.
4. Irene Adele, b. in Milford, June 23, 1888.
5. Harry Hubert, b. in Milford, April 3, 1891.
6. Thomas Patrick, b. in Milford, March 15, 1895.

James B. Holland, son of John G. and Susan (Thayer) Holland, born in Boston, Mass., March 31, 1810, was a har-



ness maker and carriage trimmer; came to Milford in 1851, and removed to Lowell, Mass., in 1865, where he died Aug. 26, 1881. Married Oct. 22, 1855. Isabella C., daughter of Archelaus and Isabella (Hooper) Laws, born in Sharon, Sept. 11, 1834. She resides in Lowell.

#### CHILDREN.

1. William Goodwin, b. in Milford, June 19, 1857, was a painter, res. in Waterville, Me.; d. in Worcester, Mass., Jan. 6, 1899.
2. Charles Granville, b. in Milford, May 14, 1859; d. there April 21, 1862.
3. Kara Lizzie, b. in Milford, June 30, 1861; d. there May 12, 1862.
4. Walter Henry, b. in Milford, Aug. 10, 1863, is employed in a mattress manufactory in Lowell, Mass.; m. June 16, 1892, Annis Jane, dau. of Patrick and Kate (Dougherty) Fallon of Lowell.
5. Herbert Bowdoin, b. in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 11, 1866, is a clerk, and res. in Waterville, Me.

#### HOLT.

Abiel Holt, son of Abiel and Lydia (Lovejoy) Holt, born in Andover, Mass., Jan. 21, 1770, came to Milford in 1794, and was a cabinet maker. Married in 1792. Betsey, daughter of Daniel and Mehitable (Putnam) Holt, born in Wilton, April 26, 1772, and died in Milford, Oct. 20, 1854. He died Feb. 17, 1834.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Abiel, Jr., b. Sept. 29, 1793, was a cabinet maker res. in Milford, and d. Jan. 22, 1858; m. Betsey, dau. of Jonathan and Persis Winchester of Ashburnham, Mass.
2. Betsey, b. April 12, 1797; m. Aug. 12, 1816, Zebediah Holt of Milford, and d. May 8, 1826.
3. † Daniel, b. March 4, 1799.
4. Sophronia, b. in 1803, m. (1) June 10, 1824, William Winchester of Boston, Mass., who d. April 3, 1828, aged 29; (2) May 17, 1832, Daniel F., son of Daniel, Jr., and Susannah (Abbot) Stevens of Amherst; res. there, and d. in 1857.
5. Lorenzo, b. Oct. 30, 1806; d. April 5, 1807.
6. Alma, b. in 1811; d. June 27, 1824.
7. † George, b. April 16, 1818.

Daniel Holt, son of Abiel and Betsey (Holt) Holt, born in Milford, March 4, 1799, was a blacksmith and farmer, residing on the road to Amherst. Married (1) Jan. 22, 1822,



Olive, daughter of Nathaniel and Olive (Goddard) Proctor, born in Hollis, Dec. 26, 1801, and died in Milford, March 6, 1845; (2) May 22, 1845, Lucinda, daughter of Jotham and Amy (Smith) Blanchard, born in Lyndeborough, Sept. 10, 1800, and died in Wilton, Feb. 28, 1868. He died March 3, 1849.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet Maria, b. Feb. 14, 1822; d. March 1, 1841.
2. Mary Jane, b. June 27, 1823; d. Dec. 19, 1838.
3. Lorenzo, b. May 14, 1825, is a carriage painter res. in Peterborough; m. Nov. 12, 1846, Harriet J. Holt of Lyndeborough.
4. Charles H., b. June 14, 1828, was a carpenter res. in Lyndeborough, where he d. Jan. 31, 1897; m. July 22, 1852, Mary A., dau. of Jonas and Mary (Hall) Wheeler of Lyndeborough.
5. George P., b. Oct. 2, 1832, is a cabinet maker res. in New Haven, Conn.; m. April 6, 1864, Eliza R. Barnes of that city.
6. Alma E., b. May 24, 1834, m. Dec. 18, 1851, Levi W., son of John and Dolly (Durant) Bruce of Mont Vernon; res. there, and d. Dec. 31, 1891.
7. Helen Olive, b. Oct. 30, 1836, was a teacher res. in Milford; d. in Mont Vernon, July 15, 1857.
8. Mary T., b. Jan. 27, 1840, m. June 1, 1858, Daniel H., son of John and Cynthia (Smith) Smith of Mont Vernon, and res. there.

George Holt, son of Abiel and Betsey (Holt) Holt, born in Milford, April 16, 1818, was a book agent. Removed from Milford in 1856, to Minneapolis, Minn., thence to Chicago, Ill., where he died Dec. 3, 1898. Married Oct. 26, 1841, Hannah M., daughter of Luther and Eunice (Hawley) Brigham, born in St. Albans, Vt., in 1821.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emma F., b. in Milford, March 10, 1848, m. Aug. 24, 1874, Charles C. Carson of Minneapolis, Minn.; res. in Chicago, Ill., and d. there Nov. 19, 1877.
2. George F., b. in Minneapolis, May 16, 1862, is a machinist; res. in Chicago.

Zebediah Holt, born in Andover, Mass., April 25, 1787, came to Milford in 1814, and removed to Canton, Mass., in 1827, where he died in 1870. He was a machinist. Married (1) Aug. 12, 1816, Betsey, daughter of Abiel and Betsey (Holt) Holt, born in Milford, April 12, 1797, and died there

May 8, 1826. After removing to Canton he married a second wife, of whom we have no account. They had one daughter, Josephine, born Sept. 5, 1835, who died young.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Maria J., b. Sept. 3, 1818, and d. Dec. 19, 1838.
2. Helen G., b. March 11, 1820, and d. Nov. 2, 1842.
3. Adaline L., b. June 18, 1822, m. in 1833, Jonathan Snow, and d. June 20, 1843.
4. Thaddeus G., b. Sept. 4, 1824, and d. Sept. 4, 1844.

Luther Holt, son of Amos and Mary (Ballard) Holt, born in Wilton, March 22, 1797, came to Milford in 1835. He was a stonecutter and mason, and died in Milford, May 31, 1861. Married Sept. 7, 1819, Catherine, daughter of Simon and Catherine (Wyman) Blanchard, born in Milford, Sept. 26, 1793, and died July 6, 1871. Mr. Holt built and occupied the house opposite the railroad station, now owned and occupied by John A. Stickney.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Catherine H., b. in 1821, m. Nov. 28, 1844, Curtis E. Willard of Smithfield, R. I., and d. in Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 25, 1846.
2. George G., b. in 1824; d. July 11, 1843.
3. Horace, b. in 1829, m. July 8, 1853, Helen M. Risher of Winchester, Mass., and d. a few years afterwards.
4. Mary, b. Sept. 30, 1836; d. April 2, 1837.

Nehemiah Holt, son of Joel and Polly (Colburn) Holt, born in Nelson, May 9, 1803, came from Lyndeborough to Milford in 1836. He was a stonecutter, and later a dealer in lumber; died in Milford, June 4, 1886. Married Dec. 15, 1830, Jane Bent, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Harrington) Brown, born in Wayland, Mass., March 26, 1803, and died Nov. 17, 1888.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. Eliza Ann, b. Oct. 28, 1831; res. in Milford, unm.
2. Frances Jane, b. April 16, 1833; d. in Milford, May 12, 1861, unm.
3. Mary Emeline, b. March 22, 1835, m. Nov. 19, 1856, Parley M. Kibbe of Boston, Mass., and d. in Milford, March 30, 1869.

Ezra Holt, Jr., son of Ezra and Dorcus (Dane) Holt, born in Wilton, Aug. 9, 1795. Was a farmer. Came to Milford

in 1854; resided on farm now owned by N. K. Holt, on road to Wilton, where he died April 7, 1860. Married (1) Joan Marshall, born in Dracut, Mass., Aug. 30, 1797, and died in Wilton, Dec. 22, 1839; (2) Dolly B. Gould, born in Alstead, Jan. 3, 1812, and died in Lexington, Mass., in 1897.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Joshua M., b. in Mont Vernon, Dec. 15, 1821.
2. Henry, born in Hillsborough, Aug. 1, 1823; was a manufacturer; res. in Nashua where he d. in 1876; m. Sarah Huntoon of Unity.
3. Sarah, b. in Hillsborough, May 29, 1825; was a seamstress; res. in Boston, Mass.; d. in Nashua, 1893.
4. Charles, b. in Hillsborough, May 17, 1827, and d. Oct. 16, 1828.
5. Charles A., b. in Hillsborough, Jan. 12, 1829; is a traveling salesman; res. in Nashua; m. Susan Ranger of Wilton, Me.
6. George A., b. in Amherst, Feb. 25, 1841; res. in New York, and d. there in 1896.
7. John Dane, b. in Amherst Jan. 25, 1843; was a lumberman; res. in Milford, where he d. July 28, 1872; m. Dec. 27, 1870, Emily Frances, dau. of William and Emily (Wilson) Lane of Milford.
8. Benjamin F., b. in Amherst, Feb. 10, 1850; is a farmer; res. in Lexington, Mass.; m. Isabel Dennett of Portsmouth.

Joshua Holt, son of Ezra and Joan (Marshall) Holt, born in Mont Vernon, Dec. 15, 1821. Was a tailor, later a pedlar, came to Milford in 1846 from Wilton and died there April 4, 1895. Married Dec. 14, 1843, Helen M., daughter of Aaron and Hepsey (Blood) Barnes, born in Temple, Feb. 20, 1827.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Henry, b. in Wilton, Nov. 19, 1844; is a machinist; res. in North Chelmsford, Mass.; m. Nov. 10, 1870, Georgianna K., dau. of S. Brooks and Olive (Blanchard) Bales, b. in Wilton, Sept. 20, 1848.
2. Clara Belle, b. in Milford, Feb. 23, 1853; m. Sept. 5, 1872, George K. T., son of Benjamin F. and Ellen (Strait) Lusk of Middleton, Mass.; they reside in Marceline, Missouri.

Levi H. Holt, son of David K. and Alice (Harwood) Holt, born in Lyndeboro, Nov. 1, 1835. Came to Milford in 1863, and d. there Sept. 30, 1893. Was a clerk in a grocery. Married June 6, 1860, Sybil F., daughter of Samuel A. and Sally (Ames) Howard, born in Lyndeboro, Nov. 11, 1834, now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Alice Frances, b. Feb. 20, 1862; m. March 6, 1885, Frank A., son of Theodore and Electa C. (Senter) Barker, and res. in Milford.
2. George Levi, b. Nov. 19, 1869, and d. in Milford, December, 1870.

Horace Holt, son of Nehemiah and Mary (Wright) Holt, born in Temple, Oct. 27, 1822, was a wheelwright. Resided in Peterborough until 1868 when he came to Milford, where he died March 2, 1891. Married Oct. 21, 1852, Fanny E., daughter of Heman and Mehitable (Connor) Patterson, born in Hopkinton, Aug. 10, 1829, and died in Milford, Aug. 17, 1888.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN PETERBOROUGH.

1. Ermina Elizabeth, b. Oct. 19, 1853; m. Jan. 6, 1881, George E., son of Rufus and Frances A. (Conant) Clark of Milford, and res. there.
2. Ira Wright, b. Aug. 4, 1858; is a teacher; res. in Arlington, Mass.; m. Dec. 22, 1883, Ida M., dau. of James and Caroline (Fowler) Sinclair of Northwood.
3. † George Patterson, b. Feb. 22, 1862.

George P. Holt, son of Horace and Fanny E. (Patterson) Holt, b. in Peterborough, Feb. 22, 1862. Is an engineer. Resides in West Somerville, Mass. Married Oct. 5, 1887, Annie Belle, daughter of John, Jr., and Elvira (Burns) Towne, born in Milford, May 26, 1868.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lizzie Ethelyn, b. Sept. 13, 1888.
2. Helene Elvira, b. Oct. 5, 1890.

Nathaniel Kingsbury Holt, son of James H. and Nancy (Pierce) Holt, b. in Wilton, Nov. 24, 1855. Came here from Amherst in 1883. Was in a meat and provision store for several years, and since bought the farm on which Benjamin Hopkins settled in 1743. Married Sept. 17, 1877, Ella C., daughter of John H. and Martha J. (Gilmore) Lindsey, born in Bedford, Aug. 15, 1857.

## CHILDREN.

1. Clinton Howard, b. in Temple, Sept. 25, 1873.
2. Darius Pierson, b. in Milford, Oct. 3, 1885.
3. Charles Wendell, b. in Milford, June 24, 1889.



## ANCESTORS OF THE HOOD FAMILY.

1. Richard Hood was born in Lynn Regis, Norfolk Co., Eng., about 1630. Married Mary Truesdale about 1655. Emigrated to this country in 1672 with his family, and settled in Topsfield; removed to Lynn, Mass., where he died Sept. 12, 1695.

2. Nathaniel, fourth child of Richard and Mary, was born in Lynn Regis, Eng., June 9, 1669. Married Oct. 16, 1700, Joanna Dwinnell of Topsfield, Mass.; they resided for a time in Lynn, Mass., and removed to Topsfield, Mass., where he died Oct. 30, 1748. His wife died March 1, 1732.

3. Nathan, eldest child of Nathaniel and Joanna, was born in Lynn, Mass., in 1702. Married, March 6, 1731, Elizabeth Palmer. They reside in Topsfield, where he died May 4, 1792.

4. Joseph, son of Nathan and Elizabeth, born Feb. 10, 1746. Settled in Milford.

Joseph Hood, son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Palmer) Hood, born in Topsfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1746. Was a farmer. Came here in 1780 from Topsfield, Mass., and settled on place afterwards owned by Daniel Dunklee and now owned by Job W. Green, in the southeast corner of the town, where he died Oct. 21, 1795. Married Oct. 13, 1767, Dorcas Hovey, who was born April 18, 1749.

## CHILDREN, FIVE BORN IN TOPSFIELD, MASS.

1. Sarah, b. Aug. 14, 1768; m. May 25, 1790, David Dunklee, Jr., of Milford; res. there and d. July 13, 1849.
2. † Joseph, Jr., b. Nov. 28, 1769.
3. Dorcas, b. Feb. 22, 1772; m. May 20, 1794, Jacob Mooar, of Hollis; res. there and d. Aug. 4, 1851.
4. Huldah, b. March 13, 1774; m. November, 1795, William Peacock, Jr., of Amherst; res. there and d. Sept. 17, 1861.
5. Betsey, b. Feb. 12, 1777; m. May 9, 1795, Stephen Lovejoy of Hollis; d. in Amherst, May 22, 1852.
6. Susanna, b. in Milford, June 10, 1781; m. (1) Nov. 27, 1797, William Bacon of Milford, (2) William J. Doyle of Providence, R. I., and d. there March 5, 1843.
7. † Jeremiah, b. in Milford, March 30, 1783.



Joseph Hood, Jr., son of Joseph and Dorcas (Hovey) Hood, born in Topsfield, Mass., Nov. 28, 1769. Came to Milford in 1780 with his father. Was a farmer, residing in Milford and Deering, and died in Amherst, June 15, 1855. Married (1) March 12, 1794, Eleanor Woodbury; (2) March, 1829, Dorothy, daughter of John and Abigail (Green) Kirk, born in Hen-niker, and died in Deering.

CHILDREN OF FIRST WIFE, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Samuel, b. Oct. 7, 1794.
2. Betsey, b. April 24, 1796.
3. Dorcas, b. April 13, 1798; m. (1) Feb. 26, 1824, Timothy Blanchard of Milford; (2) Luther Elliot of Mason, and d. there.
4. Eleanor, b. June 1, 1800.
5. Joseph, b. July 24, 1801.
6. † Jeremiah, b. Aug. 13, 1802.
7. Robert, b. Dec. 14, 1803; m. a Miss Blood.
8. John, b. March 2, 1805.
9. Sarah, b. Jan. 25, 1807; m. Jan. 31, 1844, Elisha Swinington of Mont Vernon, and d. there, July 3, 1869.
10. Charles, b. Aug. 14, 1808; m. P. Elizabeth White.
11. David, b. June 22, 1810; m. Mary Ann Gilchrist.
12. Nancy, b. March 13, 1812; m. March 19, 1843, John Bowen Jones; res. in Milford, and d. in Nashua, Dec. 13, 1889.

CHILDREN OF SECOND WIFE, SIX BORN IN MILFORD, FOUR IN DEERING.

13. Daniel, b. Nov. 23, 1829; is a farmer, res. in Dublin; m. Jan. 4, 1856, Mary, dau. of Emory and Jerusha (Hartshorn) Longley, of Milford.
14. Harriet, b. April 4, 1831; m. Sanford George.
15. Susan, b. March 23, 1833; m. (1) George Goodwin; (2) John Hunt of Hill, and d. there.
16. Andrew J., b. June 14, 1835; is a farmer, res. in Goffstown; m. Martha C., dau. of David T. and Abigail H. (Cilley) Straw of Weare; was in the army, in the war of 1861 to 1865.
17. Stephen P., b. Sept. 15, 1837; d. in Deering.
18. Hiram, b. Oct. 25, 1839; went to sea about 1858 and not heard from since.
19. Allen R., b. April 8, 1842; is a hotel keeper, res. at East Lempster; m. May 28, 1868, Ellen R., dau. of Horace W. and Sophia K. (Page) Keyes of Milford; was in the war of 1861 to 1865.
20. Edward P., b. April 29, 1844; was in the war of 1861 to 1865, afterwards enlisting in the regular army, and is supposed to have been killed in the battle with the Indians, under General Custer.

21. Eleanor, b. Aug. 24, 1847; m. Sept. 20, 1870, George, son of James and Emily (Adderway) Tenney of Goffstown, and res. there.
22. John J., b. June 30, 1850.

Jeremiah Hood, son of Joseph and Dorcas (Hovey) Hood, born in Milford, March 30, 1783. Was a farmer, residing in south part of the town, near the Brookline line, during his working years, selling the place and removing to the village in his later years, where he died Aug. 8, 1861. Married in 1810, Mary Warner, born in Newburyport, Mass., March 17, 1783, died in Milford, April 3, 1865.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John A., b. May 27, 1812; was a carpenter, res. some years in California; returned to Milford in 1863, where he d. Jan. 3, 1892; m. Jane Baker.
2. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 21, 1814; m. Aug. 8, 1832, Abijah, son of Philip and Dorothy (Davis) Wood of Hollis; res. in Milford, and d. there, Aug. 6, 1887.
3. Sarah D., b. Feb. 27, 1816; m. May, 1842, Hezekiah P., son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Lovejoy) Hamblett of Milford, and d. July 3, 1886.
4. Elizabeth P., b. Jan. 5, 1821; m. Jan. 22, 1842, Daniel, Jr., son of Daniel and Asenath (Hutchinson) Hopkins of Milford; they rem. to Minnesota, where she d. April 2, 1857.

Samuel Hood, son of Joseph, Jr., and Eleanor (Woodbury) Hood, born in Milford, Oct. 7, 1794. Was a farmer, residing in western part of the town, where he died, Sept. 3, 1873. Married Aug. 27, 1820, Sarah, daughter of Phineas and Sarah (Stevens) Blanchard, born in Milford, Sept. 4, 1799, and died in Mason, Aug. 27, 1849.

## CHILDREN, SIX BORN IN MILFORD, TWO IN WILTON.

1. Ellen, b. Dec. 31, 1820; m. Spalding Sawtelle of Pepperell, Mass.; res. in Pepperell, and d. in Milford, Feb. 2, 1875.
2. Sarah, b. Oct. 22, 1822; m. Nov. 22, 1846, Franklin, son of Eli and Lydia B. (Nutting) Nutting of Mason; res. there, and d. May 22, 1891.
3. Elizabeth Jane, b. Aug. 31, 1824; m. Jan. 2, 1850, Sidney, son of Levi and Sally (Elliot) Barrett of Mason, and res. there.
4. † Phineas Blanchard, b. June 2, 1827.
5. Samuel A., b. Aug. 15, 1829; was a baker, res. in Manchester, and d. there, June 21, 1876; m. June 22, 1854, Matilda J., dau. of Leonard J. and Mary (Clark) Cox of Plymouth.

6. Mary Ann, b. 1832; d. in Mason, November, 1849.
7. Sumner, b. in 1834; d. in Temple, June 5, 1852.
8. Hannah, b. in 1837; m. March 18, 1854, John, son of Philip and Mary P. (Thompson) Kendall of Pepperell, Mass.; res. there and d. July 18, 1865.

Jeremiah Hood, 2d, son of Joseph, Jr., and Eleanor (Woodbury Hood, born in Milford, Aug. 13, 1802. Was a cooper, residing in Billerica and Lowell, Mass., returning to Milford in 1851, where he died. Nov. 11, 1882. Married in 1830, Harriet E. Elkins, born in Henniker, May 13, 1801, and died in Milford, Jan. 18, 1882.

CHILDREN, NINE BORN IN BILLERICA, MASS., ONE IN MILFORD.

1. Warren Fifield, b. Sept. 13, 1831; d. Feb. 20, 1850.
2. Sophia Morse, b. May 13, 1833; m. Sept. 27, 1855, Isaac Newton, son of Daniel, Jr., and Alma (Averill) Johnson of Milford; they res. in Milford; no children.
3. Harriet Elkins, b. Feb. 14, 1835; m. (1) May 28, 1859, Lucius, son of David P. and Melinda (Keyes) Needham of Milford; (2) S. Kimball Foster, and res. in Wilton.
4. Belinda Ann, b. Aug. 9, 1837; m. June 25, 1857, Hezekiah P., son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Lovejoy) Hamblett of Milford, and d. there, Feb. 28, 1870.
5. George Washington Elkins, b. Oct. 26, 1840; was a machinist, res. in Lowell, Mass., where he d. June 24, 1896; m. Feb. 8, 1860, Deborah Preble of Pittston, Me.
6. Charles Henry, b. Oct. 6, 1842; is a machinist, res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Nov. 27, 1868, Olive Ann, dau. of John J. and Sarah J. (Gilbert) Hart, b. in South Hampton, Eng.
7. † Frank Pritchard, b. Nov. 4, 1844.
8. Emma E., b. Sept. 12, 1847; d. Aug. 11, 1849.
9. Abbie Lizette, b. May 8, 1849; d. June 12, 1857.
10. Warren E., b. Jan. 18, 1852; d. Feb. 19, 1852.

Phineas B. Hood, son of Samuel and Sarah (Blanchard) Hood, born in Milford, June 2, 1827. Was a blacksmith, residing in Milford, and died Sept. 8, 1898. Married (1) Aug. 12, 1847, Mary J., daughter of David P. and Melinda (Keyes) Needham, born in Milford, July 4, 1828, and died there, Sept. 10, 1878; (2) July 6, 1879, Esther P., widow of Charles N. Mooar of Milford, and daughter of William and Esther (Brown) Parr, born in Nova Scotia, Nov. 20, 1837. She resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Alice Janette, b. March 23, 1848; m. Aug. 24, 1869, Amos E. Dolbear of Bethany, W. Va.; they res. in Somerville, Mass.
2. Ella Melinda, b. April 30, 1850; m. July 6, 1893, Rufus J. Culver of Meadville, Pa., and res. there.
3. Ida May, b. May 5, 1863, and d. in Milford, Aug. 25, 1863.
4. Lura Ethylene, b. March 22, 1870; m. Oct. 19, 1889, Elmer C., son of Preston and Sarah (Webber) Clark, of Gloucester, Mass.; they res. in Milford.

Frank P. Hood, son of Jeremiah, 2d. and Harriet E. (Elkins) Hood, born in Billerica, Mass., Nov. 4, 1844, came to Milford with his father in 1851, and is a mechanic. Married April 9, 1869, Julia R., daughter of Daniel E. and Sophronia (Burt) Carroll, born in Croydon, Aug. 20, 1848.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Frank Randall, b. Oct. 7, 1870, has had his name changed to Warren; is a physician res. in Worcester, Mass.; m. June 16, 1897, Grace, dau. of Horatio A. Duncan of Bath, Me.
2. George Leon, b. Dec. 29, 1872, is a mechanic res. in Milford, unm.
3. Arthur Carroll, b. May 6, 1875, is a mechanic res. in Milford.
4. Clarence Wendall, b. Feb. 23, 1879.
5. Bertha Edna, b. Jan. 26, 1888.
6. Marion Gladys, b. Oct. 4, 1890.

## HOPKINS.

ANCESTORS OF BENJAMIN HOPKINS AND OF HANNAH WILSON,  
HIS WIFE.

1. William Hopkins of Roxbury, Mass., married Hannah Andrews. Their son,—

2. William, married Deborah —, and their son,—

3. Benjamin, born May 25, 1701, settled in Milford in 1743.

1. Robert Wilson, married Deborah, daughter of Andrew Stevenson. Their son,—

2. Andrew, b. April 17, 1670; died in 1722. Married Hannah —, and their daughter,—

3. Hannah, b. Aug. 10, 1698, married Benjamin Hopkins.



Benjamin Hopkins, son of William and Deborah Hopkins, born in Billerica, Mass., May 25, 1701, came to Milford with his family in 1743, and settled on that part of the Charlestown School farm now owned by N. K. Holt, on the road to Wilton, where he died June 11, 1787. Married March 27, 1723, Hannah, daughter of Andrew and Hannah Wilson, born in Roxbury, Mass., Aug. 10, 1698, and died in Milford, July 30, 1792.

CHILDREN, BORN IN BILLERICA, MASS.

1. Hannah, b. April 20, 1724, m. Jonathan Jones of Wilmington, Mass.
2. † Benjamin, Jr., b. Feb. 10, 1727.
3. Deborah, b. April 24, 1729, m. Caleb, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Jones of Wilmington, Mass.; res. in Milford, and d. there May 2, 1819.
4. William, b. May 11, 1731, and d. in Milford, Dec. 25, 1748.
5. † Ebenezer, b. Feb. 12, 1733.
6. Lucy, b. April 16, 1735, m. Ebenezer Swinnington of Lynn, Mass.
7. Lydia, b. April 16, 1737, m. Israel Towne, Jr., of Amherst; res. in Stoddard, and d. in Amherst in 1826.
8. Abigail, b. Dec. 5, 1739, m. Gardner, son of Israel and Grace (Gardner) Towne of Amherst; they res. in Alstead; no dates of their death.

Benjamin Hopkins, Jr., born in Billerica, Mass., Feb. 10, 1727, came to Milford with his father in 1743. He was a farmer, residing on the homestead, where he died Nov. 7, 1820. Married in 1753, Anna, daughter of Peter and Anna (Keyes) Powers, born in Hollis, March 9, 1732, and died in Milford, April 9, 1812. She is said to be the first child of English parents born in Hollis.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Anna, b. in 1754, m. Caleb Hubbard.
2. Benjamin, 3d, b. in 1756, m. Nov. 28, 1782, Phebe Flint.
3. Lydia, b. in 1758, m. (1) Joel Hobart, and res. in Pepperell, Mass.; after his decease, she m. (2) Samuel Gutterson of Milford, and d. there Nov. 29, 1846.
4. Lucy, b. in 1760, m. Benjamin Conant; res. in Milford, and d. May 12, 1822.
5. † Peter, b. in 1763.
6. † Daniel, b. in 1765.
7. Hannah, b. in 1767, m. William Bradford, Jr., of Amherst, and d. there Sept. 1, 1812.
8. Lavinia, b. in 1769, m. Amos Blanchard, Jan. 27, 1789.



Ebenezer Hopkins, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Wilson) Hopkins, born in Billerica, Mass., Feb. 12, 1733, was a farmer residing on what is now known as the Ramsdell place, where he died in 1786. Married Martha, daughter of John Burns, born in 1741, and died Feb. 6, 1792.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Solomon, b. in 1763.
2. † William, b. in 1766.
3. Olive, b. April 1, 1769, m. Aug. 6, 1786, Isaac Blanchard of Milford, and d. there Aug. 13, 1864.
4. † John, b. in 1772.
5. George, b. in 1776.

Peter Hopkins, son of Benjamin, Jr., and Anna (Powers) Hopkins, born in Milford in 1763, was a farmer residing on the place since owned by Moses Proctor, on the road to Wilton, where he died Aug. 13, 1807. Married Nov. 12, 1789, Hannah, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Burnham) Burnham, born in Essex, Mass., June 9, 1765, and died in Milford, July 25, 1831.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hannah, b. Aug. 19, 1790, m. Aug. 4, 1818, Sylvanus, son of Ebenezer and Phebe (Sawtelle) Hutchinson of Wilton, and res. there; d. in Milford, Aug. 21, 1887.
2. Peter, b. Sept. 22, 1791, was a farmer and res. in New Boston, where he d. Sept. 27, 1874; m. May 24, 1827, Susan, daughter of Zadok and Rebecca (Abbot) Jones of Milford.
3. Lydia, b. July 18, 1793, m. (1) Sept. 6, 1816, Jonathan, son of Obadiah and Susannah (Jones) Holt of Amherst; res. in Milford until 1820, when they rem. to Clinton, Mass., where he d. a few years after, and in May, 1829, his widow m. (2) Isaac, a brother of her first husband; res. in Clinton, and d. there Jan. 22, 1887.
4. † Daniel, b. Nov. 15, 1795.
5. Benjamin, b. Oct. 15, 1797, was a farmer and miller; res. in Wilton, where he d. May 9, 1890; m. April 27, 1819, Peggy, dau. of Ebenezer and Phebe (Sawtelle) Hutchinson of Wilton.
6. Abigail, b. July 25, 1799, m. John Crosby; res. in Augusta, Me., and d. there.

Daniel Hopkins, son of Benjamin, Jr., and Anna (Powers) Hopkins, born in Milford in 1765, was a farmer. Married

May 14, 1789, Hannah Steele of Wilton. She died Feb. 5, 1826.

## CHILD.

1. Betsey, b. in Milford, Sept. 8, 1792.

Solomon Hopkins, son of Ebenezer and Martha (Burns) Hopkins, born in 1763, was a farmer. Married Feb. 3, 1785, Sarah Wright, born in 1770, and died July 25, 1831.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Arvilla, b. in 1786, and d. Oct. 5, 1801.
2. Luther, b. May 19, 1789, and d. March 15, 1790.
3. Calvin, b. in 1796, and d. Oct. 4, 1801.
4. Lucy, b. Aug. 13, 1799, and d. Oct. 30, 1800.

William Hopkins, born in 1766, son of Ebenezer and Martha (Burns) Hopkins, was a farmer residing in Milford, where he died July 20, 1805. Married May 1, 1785, Abigail Lewis.

## CHILD.

1. Asenath, b. in Milford, Aug. 19, 1785, m. Nov. 7, 1802, William, Jr., son of William and Martha (Mills) Shaw of Milford; res. there, and d. Feb. 18, 1869.

John Hopkins, son of Ebenezer and Martha (Burns) Hopkins, born in 1772, was a farmer. Married Orpha Boynton, born in Temple in 1774, and died in Milford, May, 1851.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Holland, b. April 4, 1802.
2. John B., b. September, 1803, was a farmer and merchant; rem. to Waltham, Mass., in 1837, thence to California in 1850, where he d. April 11, 1857; m. Dec. 25, 1837, Cassandra, dau. of Luther and Sarah (Moor) Hutchinson of Milford.
3. Frye, b. in 1807, res. in Milford, and d. there Aug. 17, 1838.

Daniel Hopkins, son of Peter and Hannah Burnam (Hopkins), born in Milford, Nov. 15, 1795. Was a farmer, residing in Milford, and later in life removed to St. Paul, Minn., where he died June 13, 1852. Married in April, 1817, Asenath, daughter of Ebenezer and Phebe (Sawtell) Hutchinson, born in Wilton, Aug. 16, 1793, and died in Milford, Feb. 5, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elvira, b. Oct. 27, 1818; m. Oct. 6, 1840, Abraham H., son of James and Rachel (Butler) Cavender of Hancock, and rem. to St. Paul, Minn., when it was only a small village, where she d. Jan. 3, 1899.
2. † Daniel, Jr., b. Jan. 21, 1820.
3. Peter, b. Aug. 28, 1823; rem. to St. Paul, Minn., in early life, where he d. Nov. 15, 1889, unm.

Holland Hopkins, son of John and Orpha (Boynton) Hopkins, born in Milford, April 4, 1802. Was a farmer, residing in Milford until 1848, when he removed to Illinois, where he died. Married Feb. 3, 1823, Eliza, daughter of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Oct. 4, 1803, and died in Illinois, Nov. 17, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Henry A., b. May 9, 1824; d. June 8, 1831.
2. Harriet E., b. July 30, 1826; m. Feb. 20, 1844, William, son of Zadok and Rebecca (Abbot) Jones of Milford; res. theré, and d. Oct. 30, 1854.
3. John H., b. Feb. 7, 1832; d. Feb. 22, 1853.
4. Jane M., b. Feb. 25, 1835; d. Oct. 7, 1858.
5. Frye, b. April 23, 1839.
6. James B., b. Jan. 31, 1845; d. Dec. 29, 1852.
7. Ellen J., b. June 6, 1846; d. Feb. 17, 1861.

Daniel Hopkins, Jr., son of Daniel and Asenath (Hutchinson) Hopkins, born in Milford, Jan. 21, 1820. Is a farmer, residing in Milford until 1851, when he removed to St. Paul, Minn. Now resides in Hugo, Minn. Married June 22, 1842; Elizabeth P., daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Warner) Hood, born in Milford, Jan. 5, 1821, and died in St. Paul, Minn., April 2, 1857. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hopkins married a second time, and had other children, of whom we have no account.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Daniel, b. in Milford, Jan. 2, 1843, and d. there Sept. 16, 1847.
2. James Mortimer, b. in Milford, Aug. 18, 1847; went West with his father in 1851; is a railroad engineer, res. in Laramore, N. D.; m. (1) Matilda Rhodes; (2) Florence Evans.

3. Minnesota Rose, b. in St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 22, 1851; m. June 26, 1873, William, son of John and — (Tozier) Sinclair of Stillwater, Minn., and res. there. They have one son, b. in 1875, named Orrin Willis.

### HOWARD.

Samuel A. Howard, son of Silas and Rebecca (Reed) Howard, born in Lyndeborough in 1789. Was a farmer, residing in Lyndeborough (a large part of his farm being in Milford), where he died June 26, 1861. Married (1) June 11, 1821, Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Harkness) Burns, born in Milford in 1781, and died in Lyndeborough Oct. 7, 1821: (2) Oct. 28, 1824, Sally A., daughter of Ezekiel and Sally (Clark) Ames, born in Milford, March 15, 1802, and died Dec. 28, 1868.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNEBOROUGH.

1. † William Wells, b. Oct. 18, 1826.
2. † Albert Lawrence, b. Oct. 23, 1828.
3. Sarah Adaline, b. July 19, 1830; m. (1) Lemuel Davis; (2) Charles O. Davis; she d. in Milford, March 22, 1866.
4. Maria Theresa, b. July 24, 1832; res. in Milford, unm.
5. Sybil Frances, b. Nov. 11, 1834; m. June 6, 1860, Levi H., son of David K. and Alice (Harwood) Holt of Lyndeborough; res. in Milford.
6. Samuel Addison, b. Sept. 27, 1836; was a coachman, res. in Roxbury, Mass., where he d. Dec. 11, 1899; m. Oct. 20, 1862, Mary F., dau. of Silas and Clara (Lyon) Dale of Roxbury, Mass.

Jacob Howard, son of Silas and Rebecca (Reed) Howard, born in Lyndeborough, March 3, 1795. Was a farmer, residing on farm now owned by D. Wells Burns, on road towards Wilton, where he died May 5, 1873. Married March 10, 1824, Rachel, daughter of Isaac and Olive (Hopkins) Blanchard, born in Milford. Oct. 4, 1799, and died there May 3, 1889.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Braman, b. July 13, 1825; was a farmer, res. in Wilton and in Framingham, Mass., where he d. June 25, 1882; m. May, 1848, Sybil, dau. of Jabez and Lucinda (Pollard) Goldsmith of Wilton.
2. Ann Rebecca, b. June 27, 1827; m. Aug. 18, 1852, Elijah, son of Solomon and Delania (Shaw) Reed of Townsend, Mass.; res. in Wilton.



3. George Sullivan, b. May 20, 1829; was a farmer, res. in Milford, where he d. Dec. 4, 1886, unm.
4. Henry Clay, b. Feb. 3, 1831; was a station agent, res. in Toledo, O., where he d. June, 1891; m. Della Woodruff of Toledo, O.
5. Melora Blanchard, b. Jan. 9, 1833; d. Sept. 5, 1838.
6. Nancy Baldwin, b. June 2, 1835; m. April 2, 1854, William D., son of Peter and Susan (Jones) Hopkins of Milford; he was b. in New Boston, and she d. in Milford, Sept. 9, 1856.
7. Frances Charlotte, b. April 18, 1837; m. June 2, 1863, Francis B., son of Burleigh and Nancy (Heywood) French of Wilton, and res. there.
8. Edwin Baldwin, b. Oct. 29, 1839; was a farmer, res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 29, 1863, unm.
9. Melora Blanchard, b. Nov. 1, 1843; m. July 23, 1873, Henry W., son of Peter and Susan (Jones) Hopkins of Wilton, and they res. there; he was b. in New Boston.
10. Abbie Maria, b. Oct. 29, 1846; d. Oct. 4, 1863.

William Wells Howard, son of Samuel A. and Sally A. (Ames) Howard, born in Lyndeborough, Oct. 18, 1826. Resided on homestead, part of farm being in Milford. In 1873 the remainder of land, with the buildings thereon, was detached from Lyndeborough and added to Milford. Married Nov. 28, 1850, Mary Ann, daughter of Rufus and Ann (Blanchard) Crosby, born in Milford, June 24, 1825.

## CHILDREN.

1. Marietta Ann, b. in Roxbury, Mass., Feb. 3, 1851; d. in Lyndeborough, Jan. 24, 1852.
2. † Alonzo Wells, b. June 28, 1853.
3. † William Rufus, b. Jan. 16, 1857.

Albert L. Howard, son of Samuel A. and Sally A. (Ames) Howard, born in Lyndeborough, Oct. 23, 1828. Was a farmer, residing on part of homestead until 1897, when he removed to the village, where he died June 8, 1900. Married (1) Feb. 1, 1852, Sarah A., daughter of James W. and Esther C. (Clark) Norcross, born in Newton, Mass., July 5, 1830, died in Milford, May 1, 1896; (2) Oct. 22, 1897, Sarah M., daughter of Josiah M. and Maria (Cash) Parker, born in Amherst, Oct. 9, 1835.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. Emma Frances, b. May 4, 1854; d. Nov. 27, 1864.
2. † Albert Clark, b. Oct. 2, 1856.



3. Annie Eliza, b. Oct. 13, 1863; m. Oct. 13, 1885, Nathan F., son of Nelson H. and Harriet E. (Willoby) Brown of Milford; res. in Nashua.
4. Laura Frances, b. Dec. 12, 1866; m. April 10, 1890, William L., son of Edwin L. and Eliza S. (Randall) Carr of Hillsborough; they res. in Milford.

Alonzo W. Howard, son of William W. and Mary A. (Crosby) Howard, born in Lyndeborough, June 28, 1853. Is a farmer, residing in Milford, near the North schoolhouse, on the road to Lyndeborough. Married Nov. 1, 1893, Sadie J., daughter of James C. and Mary A. (Hodsdon) Moore, born in Hyde Park, Pa., June 30, 1861.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clarence Wells, b. Feb. 4, 1895.
2. Helen Moore, b. Jan. 31, 1898.

William R. Howard, son of William W. and Mary A. (Crosby) Howard, born in Milford, Jan. 16, 1857. Is a farmer, residing on homestead, near Lyndeborough line. Married Feb. 3, 1881, Lizzie R., daughter of James W. and Rebecca S. (Crosby) Anderson of Milford, born in Indianapolis, Ind., May 7, 1859.

#### CHILD.

1. Wells Anderson, b. in Milford, Feb. 12, 1898.

Albert C. Howard, son of Albert L. and Sarah A. (Norcross) Howard, born in Milford, Oct. 2, 1856. Is a mechanic, residing in Milford. Married Oct. 7, 1885, Stella M., daughter of Jason L. and Frances E. (Brown) Coffin, born in Athol, Mass., Nov. 14, 1865.

#### CHILD.

- Lillian Rose, b. in Milford, Aug. 13, 1889.

Rodney Howard, son of Henry and Polly (Odell) Howard, born in Amherst, March 20, 1817. Is a farmer. Resided in Amherst until 1877, when he came to Milford and resided on road to Mont Vernon, near the village. Married Nov. 14, 1850, Nancy J., daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Dowse) Parker, born in Amherst, Feb. 11, 1825.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN AMHERST.

1. Charles Rodney, b. Sept. 14, 1851; was a dry goods dealer, residing in Birmingham, Conn., where he d. June 17, 1898; m. Nov. 27, 1873, Emma F., dau. of Rufus N. and Susan (Farley) Wallingford of Milford.
2. Ida Lunetta, b. Aug. 20, 1860; d. in Amherst, Sept. 2, 1865.

## HOWE.

Stephen Howe, born 1745. Died in Milford, March 19, 1818. Was a farmer. Settled here about 1770. Married 1771, Hannah, daughter of Hezekiah and Damaris (Wilson) Duncklee, born in Amherst, May 28, 1755, died in Milford, June 23, 1806.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hannah, b. Nov. 21, 1772; m. Nov., 1813, John Raymond; res. in Milford and d. there Dec. 7, 1852.
2. Stephen, Jr., b. 1774; d. Dec., 1808; unm.
3. Daniel, b. Dec. 5, 1776, was a cooper; res. in Foxboro, Mass., where he d. July 8, 1863; m. June 16, 1804, Sally, dau. of John and Sarah (Eames) Blunt of Amherst.
4. Isaac, b. July 2, 1781; was a blacksmith, res. in Stoddard, where he d. Feb. 26, 1858; m. Oct. 15, 1809, Esther, dau. of Israel and Hannah (Abbot) Towne of Amherst.
5. Mary, b. Oct 8, 1787; m. Isaac U., son of Jonathan and Tabitha (Upton) Lovejoy of Milford; after the death of her husband she rem. to Dunstable, Mass., where she d. July 24, 1855.
6. † Benaiah, b. Jan., 1790.
7. † Moses, } twins { b. 1793.
8. Aaron, } twins { b. 1793; d. Jan. 25, 1815.

Benaiah Howe, son of Stephen and Hannah (Duncklee) Howe, born in Milford, Jan. 1790. Was a farmer. Resided in Milford, where he died Jan. 25, 1857. Married Dec. 5, 1815, Martha Jones of Hillsborough, born 1797 and d. in Milford, April 14, 1858.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet M., b. July 2, 1817; m. Sept 3, 1837, Richard M. Doliver, of Lyndeboro; they res. in Kenduskeag, Me., where she d. Oct. 25, 1892.
2. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 18, 1818; d. June 12, 1832.
3. † Stephen H., b. Oct. 10, 1821.
4. Charles C., b. Feb. 7, 1825; d. Feb. 12, 1826.

5. Lucy M., b. Nov. 9, 1826; d. Feb. 8, 1866; unm.
6. Frederick B., b. Oct. 7, 1828, is a musician and tuner of pianos and organs; res. in Los Angeles, Cal.; m. June 4, 1857, Eliza A., daughter of Thomas W., and Sarah (Watts) Francis of St. Louis, Mo.
7. John G., b. Jan. 8, 1831; d. Jan. 30, 1831.
8. George W., b. Feb. 18, 1832; res. in the West.
9. William H., b. Dec. 13, 1833; is a mechanic; res. in Poultney, Vt., unm.
10. Mary Jane, b. April 30, 1836; m. June 15, 1856, Jonathan M., son of Joseph U. and Cynthia (Morgan) Burdick, of Poultney, Vt.; they res. in Milford.

Moses Howe, son of Stephen and Hannah (Dunklee) Howe, born 1793. Was a cooper. Resided in Milford and died there April 24, 1852. Married Sept. 30, 1817, Huldah S., daughter of David and Huldah (Morse) Goodwin, born in Milford, Dec. 6, 1796, and died there June 3, 1820.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Moses Lorenzo, b. in Milford, July 26, 1819, and d. Jan. 17, 1820.

Stephen H. Howe, son of Benaiah and Martha (Jones) Howe, born in Milford, Oct. 10, 1821. Was a machinist. Resided in Milford, where he died Sept. 11, 1896. Married (1) Nov. 30, 1843, Maria M., daughter of Harvey and Emily (Blodgett) Cogswell, born in Randolph, Vt., Feb. 23, 1819, and died in Milford, Dec. 2, 1890; (2) June 30, 1892, Mary A., widow of Rodney W. Burdick, and daughter of Thomas J. and Lucy (Clark) Clark, born in Amherst, June 17, 1844.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lizzie A., b. Dec. 23, 1846; m. Jan. 20, 1869, Edmund J., son of Josiah M. and Maria (Cash) Parker of Amherst; they res. in Milford, where she d. July 20, 1872.
2. Alonzo P., b. July 18, 1848; d. Feb. 14, 1849.
3. Clara E., b. Jan. 13, 1850; d. Aug. 4, 1851.
4. Willie C., b. Feb. 28, 1859; d. Feb. 20, 1863.

Isaac Howe was a farmer living on a place just north of Milford Springs. Do not know the name of first wife or from what place they came to Milford. From the record of taxes we learn that he was here before the incorporation of the town,

being taxed in 1794, also learn that he died in 1816, aged 74 years. Married (2) Dec. 2, 1792, Sarah, widow of Nathaniel Griffin of Temple, who died March 15, 1847, aged 89 years. We have names of three children by his first wife, and two by the second wife.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joel, b. 1775, or early in 1776; was a farmer; res. in Milford on land now occupied by the Ponemah House at Milford Springs; m. Nov. 26, 1807, Dorcas, daughter of Robert, Jr., and Dorcas Colburn of Hollis; he died Oct., 1860; she d. Sept., 1861; no children.
2. Lydia, b. 1779; m. Aug. 15, 1805, Jonathan Cummings, Jr., of Milford; d. March 26, 1858.
3. John, b. 1783 or 1784; res. in Hudson; no record of any family.
4. Rebecca, b. 1794; m. John G. Colburn, and d. in Milford, Sept. 21, 1829.
5. Isaac, b. 1797; was a farmer; res. on homestead, and d. Jan. 16, 1869; unm.

Jeremiah Howe, born in Montpelier, Vt., in 1786. Came here about 1808. Was a farmer. Resided on several places in town, and died there Sept. 3, 1854. Married Jan. 3, 1809, Olive, daughter of Isaac and Olive (Hopkins) Blanchard, born in Milford, Aug. 5, 1789, and died Dec. 11, 1864.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George, b. March 12, 1809; was manufacturer of piano action; res. in Boston, Mass.; m. March 20, 1833, Judith, dau. of George P. and Judith R. (Hubbard) Sawyer of Boston, Mass., and were both killed at a railroad crossing in Charlestown, N. H., Aug. 1, 1871.
2. Eliza, b. May 3, 1811; d. Dec. 9, 1814.
3. Sophia B., b. 1814; res. in Nashua, and d. there Aug. 20, 1872.
4. † Oliver S., b. June 29, 1816.
5. Eliza, b. 1818; m. May 29, 1855, Samuel Scripture, b. in Mason; res. in Milford, and d. July 10, 1860.
6. Harriet, b. 1822; m. James Wilkins; res. in Brookline, and d. Nov. 1, 1898.
7. William R., b. April 17, 1825, is a mechanic; res. in Worcester, Mass.; m. April 29, 1857, Susan D., dau. of Eber and Dorcas V. (Brown) Woods of Groton, Mass.
8. Mary Jane, b. Jan. 3, 1828; m. July 20, 1847, Nathan G., son of Gardner Foster; res. in Townsend, Mass., and d. there Sept. 8, 1865.



9. Charles, b. May 9, 1835, was a farmer; res. in Franklin, Mass., where he d. June 19, 1875; m. June 10, 1869, Lephe D., widow of Leonard Badger, and daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson of Milford.
10. Adaline, b. 1840; d. Aug. 5, 1865.
11. Caroline, b. Jan. 3, 1845; m. July 27, 1894, Charles, son of Leonard and Lephe D. (Gutterson) Badger of Milford; res. in Franklin, Mass.

Oliver S. Howe, son of Jeremiah and Olive (Blanchard) Howe, born in Milford, June 29, 1816, is a carpenter. Resides in Franklin, Mass. Married April, 1841. Martha, daughter of Stephen and Abi (Alexander) Adams, born Jan. 2, 1819.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William H., b. March 9, 1842; is a jeweler and optican; res. in Franklin, Mass.; m. (1) Ella F., daughter of L. L. and Sarah H. (Forristall) Fisher of Franklin, Mass., Dec. 25, 1867; after her death he m. (2) Alice R., dau. of J. A. and Zea S. (Sherwin) Barrett of Franklin, Mass., Dec. 10, 1881.
2. Frank O., b. Jan. 1, 1844; shot in the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, Va., May 12, 1864.
3. Maria M., b. Jan. 12, 1846; d. in Milford, August, 1868.
4. Stephen A., b. July 2, 1848; d. in Somerville, Mass., Dec. 1, 1890.
5. Mary A., b. Oct. 2, 1850.
6. Sarah A., b. Sept. 24, 1852; d. in Franklin, Mass., July 14, 1872.
7. George, b. Aug. 7, 1855; d. April 12, 1862.
8. Charles, b. Aug. 28, 1859; d. May 12, 1862.

#### HOWISON.

Robert R. Howison, son of Robert and Nancy (Wadleigh) Howison, born in Kingsey, P. Q., March 1, 1815. Was an expressman and later a farmer. Came to Milford in 1846, from Peterborough, and died in Milford, Feb. 2, 1895. Married (1) Feb. 3, 1842, Elvina L., daughter of John Mellen, born in Stoddard, Dec. 26, 1820, and died in Milford, June 17, 1850; (2) March 9, 1852, Caroline H., daughter of James and Bethiah (Hall) Johnson, born in Milford, May 4, 1831, and died there Jan. 24, 1867.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD AFTER THE FIRST ONE.

1. Ellen Selinda, b. in Peterborough, Nov. 26, 1845, and d. there Aug. 13, 1846.
2. Sarah Ellen, b. May 28, 1847; d. Sept. 10, 1856.



3. Elvina Lucy, b. May 1, 1850; d. Aug. 11, 1850.
4. Carrie Josephine, b. Nov. 18, 1855; m. June 28, 1888, John B., son of Philo W. and Sarah E. (Harold) Dayfoot of Boston, Mass.; res. there.
5. Willie Robert, b. Jan. 16, 1858, is a farmer; res. in Milford; unm.
6. Arthur Webster, b. Dec. 3, 1861; is a lumber dealer; m. April 10, 1889, Evangeline L., dau. of John W. and Annie M. (Price) Twiss of Milford.
7. James Johnson, b. Nov. 29, 1866; res. in Milford; m. June 5, 1900, Lucy Gertrude, dau. of Eugene L. and Emma L. (Colburn) Nelson of Milford.

## HOYT.

Don Carlos Hoyt, son of Otis and Abigail (Cilley) Hoyt, born in Lyndon, Vt., April 2, 1825. Came to Milford from Lowell, Mass., in 1868. Was station agent, and died April 19, 1890. Married Oct. 22, 1851, Eliza Ann, daughter of Worcester and Mary M. (Battey) Eaton, born in Wentworth, Oct. 13, 1828. Now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN LOWELL, MASS.

1. Mary Maria, b. Oct. 22, 1854; res. in Milford; employed in a printing office; is unm.
2. Henry Chase, b. Dec. 27, 1857; res. in Milford; d. in Boston, Mass., July 31, 1876.
3. Jennie Frances, b. July 2, 1859; d. in Milford, April 22, 1871.

## HUTCHINSON.

1. Richard<sup>1</sup> Hutchinson, son of Thomas, born in Arnold, England, in 1602. Married (1) Dec. 7, 1627, Alice Bosworth, and emigrated to America in 1634, with his wife and five children, and settled in Salem Village, Mass.

2. Joseph<sup>2</sup>, their fifth child and first son, born in North Muskharn, England, in 1633. Married (1) a daughter of John Gedney.

3. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, their third child and first son, born in Salem Village, Mass., September, 1666. Married (1) Elizabeth —.

4. Joseph, their first child, born in Salem Village, Mass., Jan. 27, 1689. Married (2) Abigail, widow of David Goodale,

5. Abner, their third child and second son, born in Middleton, Mass., September, 1724. Removed to Souhegan West in 1743, and settled in the southwest corner of the town upon land bought of Richard Goldsmith and Hannah his wife, bounded on the west by Duxbury school farm, and on the south by Souhegan river, now owned by William W. Burnham. He gave this farm to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Bartlett, and bought land adjoining it on the west, lying in the Duxbury school farm, where he died, giving this place to his grandson, Abner Hutchinson Bartlett.

Abner Hutchinson, son of Joseph and Abigail Hutchinson, born in Middleton, Mass., September, 1724. Was a farmer, settling in Milford in 1743, and died Sept. 2, 1796. Married Elizabeth, daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth Phelps, born in Amherst in 1730, and died in Milford, Sept. 11, 1800.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jonathan, b. March 5, 1761; was a farmer, res. in Milford, where he d. Jan. 27, 1788, unm.
2. Elizabeth, b. July 25, 1765; m. in 1791, Isaac, son of Samuel and Mary (Appleton) Bartlett of Newton, Mass; res. in Milford, and d. there Feb. 4, 1846.

Nathan Hutchinson<sup>5</sup>, was a descendant of the emigrant, Richard<sup>1</sup>; came from England in 1634. Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>. He was born in Danvers, Mass., February, 1717. Removed to Milford and settled upon farm now owned by Edwin D. Searles, situated on road to Wilton, in 1748. Married about 1740, Rachel, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Crosby) Stearns, born in Billerica, Mass., June 6, 1720, and died in Milford, July 25, 1795. He died Jan. 12, 1795.

#### CHILDREN, THREE BORN IN BEDFORD, SIX IN MILFORD.

1. Nathan, b. Aug. 4, 1741; d. young.
2. Rachel, b. Jan. 2, 1744; d. young.
3. Benjamin, b. Oct. 5, 1746; d. young.
4. Samuel, b. April 12, 1749; was a farmer and miller, res. in Wilton, where he d. Sept. 18, 1821; m. Mary Wilkins.
5. † Nathan, b. February, 1752.
6. † Benjamin, b. June 9, 1754.

7. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 10, 1756; was a farmer, res. in Wilton, where he d. Jan. 31, 1831; m. Feb. 3, 1780, Phebe, dau. of Hezekiah and Margaret Sawtell of Shirley, Mass.
8. † Bartholomew, b. Feb. 10, 1759.
9. Rachel, b. May 19, 1766; m. about 1790, Daniel Johnson of Milford; res. there and d. Sept. 12, 1842.

Nathan Hutchinson, Jr., son of Nathan and Rachel (Stearns) Hutchinson, born in Milford, February, 1752. Was a farmer, residing on place west of his father's farm, known as the Holland Prouty farm, where he died Dec. 26, 1831. Married in 1778, Rebecca, daughter of William and Rebecca (Smith) Peabody, born in Milford, Jan. 2, 1752, and died there Feb. 25, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nathan, 3d, b. April 25, 1779; was a farmer, res. in Milford; d. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 12, 1823; m. April 26, 1807, Lydia, dau. of Jonathan and Abigail Jones of Milford.
2. Rebecca, b. November, 1781; m. April 29, 1806, Nehemiah Hayward, Jr.; res. on their farm near Wilton line until 1847, when they rem. to Baltimore, Md., where she d. Sept. 9, 1850.
3. † Reuben, b. Sept. 9, 1783.
4. Ira, b. 1785; was a farmer, res. in Milford, and d. there Jan. 5, 1833, unm.
5. Olive, b. 1789; m. Sept. 1, 1809, Dr. John, son of John and Mary (Bradford) Wallace of Milford; res. there, and d. April 16, 1828.
6. † Jonas, b. June 2, 1792.
7. † Abel, b. Aug. 1, 1795.

Lieut. Benjamin Hutchinson, son of Nathan and Rachel (Stearns) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 9, 1754. Was a farmer, residing on place near railroad crossing on road to Wilton, where he died Sept. 12, 1832. Married Susanna, daughter of William and Rebecca (Smith) Peabody, born in Milford, Nov. 4, 1755, and died in Milford, Aug. 23, 1834.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Benjamin, b. Aug. 5, 1777.
2. Sarah, b. March 16, 1779; res. in Milford, and d. Nov. 9, 1865, unm.
3. Susanna, b. April 20, 1781; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 2, 1843, unm.
4. † Luther, b. May 2, 1783.
5. † Eugene, b. March 11, 1785.
6. Calliope, b. April 7, 1787; res. in Milford, and d. Sept. 25, 1848, unm.

Bartholomew Hutchinson, son of Nathan and Rachel (Stearns) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Feb. 10, 1759. Was a farmer, residing on homestead now owned by Edwin D. Searles, on road to Wilton, where he died Sept. 23, 1841. Married Oct. 14, 1784, Phebe, daughter of Jacob Hagget, born in Andover, Mass., May, 1767, and died in Milford, Aug. 27, 1849.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Jacob, b. Feb. 5, 1785.
2. Lucy, b. Dec. 20, 1786; m. June 7, 1804, Reuben Hutchinson of Milford; res. there, and d. July 15, 1858.
3. † Alfred, b. Aug. 27, 1788.
4. Acachy, b. Nov. 6, 1790; m. March, 1808, Jonathan Buxton, Jr., of Milford; res. there, and d. Oct. 20, 1852.
5. Minerva, b. Jan. 31, 1792; m. Aug. 10, 1809, Samuel Henry of Milford; res. there, and d. June 14, 1831.
6. Nancy, b. May 19, 1794; m. June 1, 1820, Luther, adopted son of Jonathan Jones of Milford; res. there, and d. Oct. 11, 1821.
7. Augustus, b. July 25, 1796; d. in 1800.
8. Rhoda, b. July 2, 1798; d. March 20, 1822.
9. Alvah, b. Jan. 25, 1800; was a farmer, and res. in Milford, where he d. July 6, 1826.
10. Myra, b. Dec. 24, 1801; m. Oct. 19, 1823, William Darracot, Jr., of Milford; res. there, and d. Dec. 3, 1837.
11. Eliza, b. Oct. 4, 1803; m. Feb. 3, 1823, Holland Hopkins of Milford; res. there until 1848, when they rem. to Illinois, where she d. Nov. 17, 1857.
12. † Augustus, b. Aug. 5, 1805.
13. Albert, b. Dec. 8, 1807; res. in Boston, Mass., and in Milford, and d. in Milford, Aug. 20, 1834.

Reuben Hutchinson, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Sept. 9, 1783. Was a farmer, residing on farm now owned by Charles A. Jenkins, in west part of the town. A few of his later years were spent in the village, where he died Aug. 25, 1861. Married June 7, 1804, Lucy, daughter of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Dec. 2, 1786, and died there July 15, 1858.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lucy C., b. Jan. 17, 1805; d. Oct. 15, 1813.
2. † Robert, b. Jan. 15, 1809.
3. Sophia, b. Sept. 12, 1810; m. Dec. 30, 1828, James B., son of Jonathan and Sybil (Sawtell) Farwell of Milford, and d. there Feb. 12, 1878.

4. Sophronia, b. Aug. 31, 1812; m. (1) March 11, 1847, Abner, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Upham) Holt, b. in Temple, Oct. 11, 1810, and d. July 30, 1851; (2) April 29, 1852, Ira, son of Nehemiah and Mary (Wright) Holt, b. in Temple, July 26, 1815; they res. in Milford, where she d. May 17, 1872; he d. June 19, 1880. No children.
5. † Reuben, Jr., b. Sept. 9, 1814.
6. Nathan Randolph, b. Nov. 7, 1816; was a farmer, res. on place now owned by Charles A. Jenkins; m. Nov. 17, 1842, Abby Maria, dau. of Benjamin, Jr., and Betsey (Tay) Conant of Milford; rem. to Pittsfield, where he d. May 6, 1879.
7. † Edmund P., b. Nov. 1, 1818.
8. Clifton, b. Oct. 11, 1820; d. Jan. 15, 1822.
9. Lucy Caroline, b. April 8, 1823; m. Feb. 14, 1843, Holland, son of Daniel and Elsie (Palmer) Prouty; res. in Milford, and d. there May 13, 1891.
10. Clifton, b. March 14, 1825; d. October, 1825.
11. Rebecca Peabody, b. Aug. 13, 1826; m. Aug. 27, 1846, Christopher C., son of William, Jr., and Betsey (Hutchinson) Shaw of Milford, and res. there.
12. Jennette, b. Oct. 11, 1828; m. Feb. 1, 1848, John, son of Adam and Mary (Gordon) Dickey of Milford, where he d. March 6, 1868; she m. (2) Feb. 9, 1882, John, son of John and Roxanna (Leavitt) Marvel, who d. Nov. 8, 1888; she res. in Milford.

Jonas Hutchinson, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford June 2, 1792, was a physician. Resided in Hancock until 1841, represented the town in the state legislature, 1833, 1834, and 1835, returned to Milford and continued in practice as physician until his health failed, and died there Sept. 13, 1857. Married Sept. 15, 1815, Nancy, daughter of John and Mary (Bradford) Wallace, born in Milford, June 4, 1794, and died there May 23, 1874.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN HANCOCK.

1. Robert Bruce, b. Nov. 14, 1816; d. Dec. 12, 1819.
2. Isabelle Ann Braidfoot, b. Nov. 1, 1820; m. Oct. 11, 1866, Dr. Francis P., son of Samuel F. and Eunice F. Fitch of Greenfield; they res. in Amherst and Milford, where she d. July 21, 1892.
3. Lucretia Josephine, b. May 16, 1823; d. in Hancock, Oct. 27, 1839.
4. Helen Curtis, b. Nov. 22, 1828; d. July 30, 1830.
5. Catherine Frances, b. Aug. 9, 1831; m. March 10, 1852, Clinton S., son of Calvin and Eunice (Spalding) Averill of Milford; res. there, and d. April 4, 1878.

Abel Hutchinson, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 1, 1795. Was a farmer.



Resided on place formerly owned by Joseph Wallace, now owned by Nathaniel Pierce in northern part of the town, where he died Feb. 19, 1846. Married Jan. 22, 1816, Betsey, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Bartlett, born in Milford, Oct. 26, 1796, died there Aug. 23, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elizabeth, b. June 18, 1816; m. Dec. 31, 1833, Charles A., son of Samuel and Abigail (Jones) Burns of Milford; res. there and d. Sept. 4, 1885.
2. † Abel Fordyce, b. March 20, 1820.
3. † George Cannin, b. Dec. 7, 1822.
4. Jerusha Peabody, b. April 20, 1825; m. (1) Aug. 7, 1843, Judson Joseph, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson of Milford, (2) Feb. 22, 1870, Dr. Simeon Smith Stickney of Milford; res. there and d. Dec. 28, 1888.
5. † Andrew Jackson, b. May 19, 1827.
6. † Isaac Bartlett, b. June 27, 1829.
7. Helen Augustine, b. Nov. 16, 1832; d. April 12, 1855.
8. † Nathan, b. March 26, 1835.
9. Jonas, b. Jan. 10, 1840, is a lawyer and judge of court in Chicago, Ill.; m. Nov. 14, 1876, Letitia, dau. of Harvey R. and Howard Ellen (Parrish) Brown, of Lexington, Ky.

Col. Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr., son of Lieut. Benjamin and Susanna (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 5, 1777. Was a farmer. Resided on place now occupied by his grandson, Emri C. Hutchinson, near station of Boston & Maine railroad, on road to Wilton, where he died Oct. 14, 1857. Married Nov. 17, 1803, Azubah, daughter of John and Sarah Tarbell, born in Mason, Oct. 9, 1780, and died April 24, 1863.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Benjamin, b. Aug. 5, 1804; d. Aug. 28, 1813.
2. Sally D., b. Nov. 2, 1805; m. Oct. 24, 1834, Emri Clark of Heath, Mass.; in their later years they resided in Milford, where she d. Oct. 30, 1875.
3. Miranda, b. June 11, 1808; d. Sept. 25, 1849.
4. William P., b. May 16, 1811; d. July 31, 1811.
5. † Benjamin F., b. June 10, 1814.
6. Lucy, b. May 14, 1820; m. Dec. 31, 1845, George W. Royleigh; res. in Milford and d. Aug. 12, 1872.

Luther Hutchinson, son of Benjamin and Susanna (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, April 2, 1783. Was a farmer.

Resided on the place formerly owned by Capt. Joshua Mooar, and now occupied by John Blanchard. Married (1) May 2, 1809, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Joshua and Deborah (Chandler) Mooar, born in Milford, Oct. 26, 1786, and died there June 6, 1857; (2) Nov. 12, 1857, Betsey (Tay) Crosby, born March 14, 1792, and died in Milford March 18, 1873. He died Sept. 5, 1861.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Cassandana, b. June 20, 1812; m. Dec. 25, 1837, John B., son of John and Orphia (Boynton) Hopkins of Milford; res. in Waltham, Mass., and died Feb. 23, 1871.
2. Evelyn Milton, b. Aug. 17, 1815; was a painter; res. in Waltham, Mass.; m. Nov. 1, 1840, Esther P., dau. of Ebenezer O. and Cynthia (—) Hawes, and d. there.
3. † Elbridge, b. Dec. 9, 1817.
4. Gerry, b. March 21, 1820; was a painter; res. in Worcester, Mass., and d. there; m. Jan. 22, 1848, Elizabeth R., dau. of John and Lydia (—) Robbins.

Eugene Hutchinson, son of Benjamin and Susanna (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 11, 1785. Was a farmer. Resided on the place now owned by Charles A. Richardson, lying on road to Wilton, where he died Feb. 7, 1854. Married November, 1812, Susan, daughter of David and Elizabeth (—) Danforth, born in Amherst, July 14, 1787, and died in Milford, Feb. 16, 1855.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Eugene, Jr., b. March 25, 1813.
2. Susan H., b. Feb. 3, 1816; m. Jan. 4, 1843, George, son of William and Joanna (Hodge) Savage of Greenfield; res. in Auburn, now res. in Milford.
3. Eliza, b. May 16, 1820; m. Sept. 6, 1842, George W., son of Henry and Hannah (Moore) George of Goffstown; res. in Manchester and d. there March 9, 1871.

Jacob Hutchinson, son of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Feb. 5, 1785. Resided on the farm now owned by C. C. Shaw on road to Wilton, where he died March 23, 1859. Married (1) Aug. 27, 1807, Betsey, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Burns) Burnham, born in Milford, Sept. 5, 1788, and died Jan. 18, 1839; (2) June 2,

1839, Esther, daughter of Phineas and Susan (—) Whitney, born in Nashua, Sept. 29, 1788, and died there Feb. 6, 1867.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey, b. March 21, 1808; m. Nov. 20, 1823, William, Jr., son of William and Asenath (Hopkins) Shaw of Milford; res. there and d. there June 22, 1889.
2. Jane, b. March 21, 1814; m. Oct. 1833, Milton V. Wilkins of Milford; res. there and d. Jan. 23, 1841.
3. Harriet, b. Nov. 13, 1817; m. Nov. 23, 1847, Luther S., son of Timothy and Lydia (Bowers) Bullard of Dublin; res. in Milford, and d. there April 26, 1895.
4. Maria, b. Nov. 13, 1826; m. April, 1846, Timothy C., son of Jonas and Sarah (Tay) Center of Wilton; res. there and d. Aug. 30, 1854.

Alfred Hutchinson, son of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 12, 1788. Was a farmer. Resided on the homestead (now owned by E. D. Searles) until 1844, when he removed to East Milford, occupying the house now owned by John Murphy, where he died March 21, 1874. Married May 8, 1810, Lydia, daughter of Jonathan and Rachel (—) Foster, born in Hollis, Nov. 11, 1789, and died in Milford, April 3, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Paulina, b. March 6, 1811; m. March 4, 1834, William T. Little; d. in Lawrence, Mass., October, 1865.
2. † Rodney Kittridge, b. Aug. 7, 1812.
3. Jonathan Dexter, b. March 3, 1814; was a carpenter; res. in Nashua and later rem. to California, where he died Aug. 12, 1892; m. April 11, 1837, Nancy J., dau. of Hugh and Nancy (Hartshorn) McConihe of Amherst.
4. Roxana, b. Nov. 21, 1815; m. Oct. 8, 1839, John G., son of Jesse G. and Betsey (Dale) Raymond; res. in Milford, and d. March 31, 1854.
5. † Francis Porter, b. July 28, 1817.
6. Charlotte E., b. July 30, 1819; m. Aug. 29, 1837, Thomas M., son of Mansfield and Rachel (—) King of Amherst; res. in Milford, and d. in Nashua, March 17, 1893.
7. Rachel Foster, b. Dec. 21, 1821; m. Aug. 18, 1844, Sumner Constantine; res. in Clinton, Mass., and d. there Sept. 1, 1854.
8. Alfred A., b. May 26, 1825; d. Nov. 24, 1834.
9. † Nathan Clinton, b. Nov. 14, 1828.

10. Rhoda Foster, b. Dec. 4, 1832; m. (1) Oct. 27, 1851, William R. Pierce of Salisbury; he d. in Clinton, Mass., (2) July 2, 1865, William H. Currier of Irasburg, Vt., they res. in Manchester, where he d. Dec. 19, 1886.

Augustus Hutchinson, son of Bartholomew and Phebe (Hagget) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 5, 1805. Was a farmer. Resided in Milford where he died March, 1866. Married (1) June, 1836, Adelaide, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Conn) Smith, born in Hillsborough, died in Milford, Jan. 10, 1856; (2) in 1857, Harriet, daughter of Joshua M. and — (Willoby) Wright, born in Nashua, Aug. 16, 1817; she resides in Nashua.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Albert Smith, b. Nov. 21, 1836; d. in army at the battle of Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862.
2. William A., b. March 31, 1839; d. March 31, 1843.
3. Phebe Jane, b. May 26, 1841; m. Dec. 15, 1860, Jasper, son of William and Mary (Stoddard) Osgood of Milford; d. in Milford, June 23, 1862.
4. Mary Adelaide, b. June 15, 1843; m. Nov. 24, 1869, Charles E., son of John B. and Amy (Leavitt) Harris of Swampscott, Mass., and res. there.
5. Sarah Antoinette, b. Nov. 1, 1846; d. Nov. 21, 1867.
6. Amy A., b. June 14, 1849; d. Sept. 11, 1851.
7. Willie O., b. June 5, 1851; d. May 2, 1856.
8. Lizzie A., b. Oct. 20, 1854; d. Sept. 21, 1856.

Robert Hutchinson, son of Reuben and Lucy (Hutchinson) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Jan. 15, 1809. Was a farmer, residing in Milford, where he died Jan. 8, 1852. Married July 4, 1833, Eliza Ann, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Upham) Holt, born in Temple, Jan. 3, 1815, and died in Wilton, Oct. 14, 1878.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Eliza Augusta, b. Sept. 8, 1834; d. Oct. 30, 1837.
2. Joanna Sophronia, b. Aug. 6, 1836; m. May 15, 1852, Frederick L., son of Frederick and Mary (Dale) Hutchinson of Wilton; res. there, and d. in Milford, April 16, 1881.
3. Charles Mason, b. Oct. 25, 1838; was a railroad conductor, res. in Greenfield; m. Nov. 1, 1859, Hannah Eaton of Greenfield, and d. in Wilton, April, 1882.



4. Jane Augusta, b. Jan. 30, 1842; m. April 19, 1859, George, son of Willard and Clarissa (Lovejoy) French of Nashua, and res. there.
5. Robert Bruce, b. Jan. 16, 1845; d. Oct. 18, 1846.
6. Clara Jennette, b. Aug. 23, 1847; m. Oct. 8, 1866, William, son of Patrick and Hannah Dillon of Wilton; res. there, and d. in Milford, July 2, 1885.
7. Ella Syrena, b. July 20, 1850; m. May 25, 1869, Edwin H., son of Edwin R. and Rachel H. (Perham) Burt of Amherst, and res. there.

Reuben Hutchinson, Jr., born in Milford, Sept. 9, 1814. Was a farmer, residing a few years in Amherst, but most of his life was passed in Milford, where he died March 3, 1887. Married Jan. 15, 1840, Judith, daughter of William and Abigail (Laws) Daws, born June 12, 1816, and died in Milford, May 14, 1883.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. James Harrison, b. Aug. 27, 1840.
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 6, 1846.

They both res. in Milford, unm.

Edmund P. Hutchinson, son of Reuben and Lucy (Hutchinson) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 1, 1818. Was a farmer, residing on farm lying on north side of Souhegan river, on road to Wilton, formerly owned by Benjamin Lewis, where he died Feb. 23, 1899. Married April 6, 1845, Maria L., daughter of Jonas and Sarah (Tay) Center, born in Greenfield, Aug. 11, 1821.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Franklin Edmund, b. July 31, 1848.
2. Sarah Francilla, b. Nov. 4, 1853; d. Sept. 16, 1854.
3. Francilla Maria, b. Sept. 8, 1856; is a dressmaker, res. at the homestead.
4. George Benton, b. April 15, 1858; d. March 17, 1861.

Abel F. Hutchinson, son of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 20, 1820. Was a merchant, doing business in Milford and in Waltham, Mass., where he died Dec. 2, 1892. Married April 11, 1848, Deborah, daughter of Levi and Rhoda (Griffin) Hawkes, born in Windham, Me., Jan. 22, 1822, and died in Milford, March 17, 1884.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD, AFTER THE FIRST.

1. George Edward, b. in Lynn, Mass., March 14, 1849, and d. in Lynn, April 28, 1851.
2. Ella Mary, b. June 12, 1851; m. Aug. 25, 1874, Robert M., son of Jonas and Mary (Darling) Wallace; they res. in Milford.
3. Frederick Sawyer, b. Feb. 14, 1854; was head waiter in hotel; d. in Saratoga, N. Y., May 28, 1886.
4. Grace Darling, b. Nov. 10, 1864; m. July 10, 1900, Frederick H. Bradford, a salesman, and res. in Waltham, Mass.

George C. Hutchinson, son of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Dec. 7, 1822. A livery stable keeper, residing in Milford, and died there Nov. 9, 1862. Married Jan. 1, 1850, Margaret, daughter of Andrew and Hannah Fuller, born in Lyndeborough, June, 1823, and died in Milford, Feb. 17, 1855.

## CHILD.

Charles George, b. in Milford, Jan. 31, 1855, and d. in Milford, March 30, 1876.

Andrew Jackson Hutchinson, son of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, May 19, 1827. Was clerk in a dry goods store. Died in Milford, Jan. 5, 1864. Married March 19, 1857, Harriet, daughter of Hiram A. and Syrena (Emerson) Daniels, born in Manchester, Aug. 8, 1832. Now resides in Milford.

## CHILD.

1. T. Andrew Judson, b. in Beloit, Wis., April 30, 1859.

Isaac B. Hutchinson, son of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 27, 1829. Was a mechanic, residing in Milford, and died there Dec. 20, 1883. Married Oct. 20, 1859, Lizzie A., daughter of James and Almira (Goodell) Marvel, born in Milford, Oct. 26, 1840, and died in Milford, July 18, 1871.

## CHILD.

1. Helen Elizabeth, b. Oct. 1, 1860; m. (1) Feb. 14, 1882, Charles Dana, son of Dana W. and Nancy A. (Raymond) Pratt, b. in Fisherville, July 7, 1857, and d. in Milford, March 19, 1887; (2) Elmer Ellsworth, son of Simeon B. and Alice (Roberts) Chase, b. in Middlesex, Vt., Jan. 11, 1863; he is a manufacturer of picture frames, and they res. in Lowell, Mass.

Nathan, a brother of Isaac B. Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 26, 1835. Was a livery stable keeper, residing in Milford, and died there, March 29, 1874. Married Dec. 25, 1862, Louisa M., daughter of Gilbert and Nancy (Stiles) Tapley, born in Wilton, June 3, 1833, and died in Waltham, Mass., March 17, 1897.

## CHILD.

1. Lewis H., b. in Milford, Dec. 21, 1864; is a druggist, and res. in Waltham, Mass., unm.

Benjamin F. Hutchinson. son of Benjamin and Azubah (Tarbell) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 10, 1814. Was a farmer, residing on homestead, situated on road to Wilton. Married Dec. 25, 1839, Eliza, daughter of William and Lydia (Putnam) Richardson, born in Lyndeborough, Nov. 14, 1816. He died March 5, 1900.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Jan. 31, 1846; m. Nov. 26, 1864, Dr. George W. Gay of Boston, Mass., and d. in Milford, Feb. 22, 1873.
2. † Emri Clark, b. July 30, 1849.

Elbridge Hutchinson, son of Luther and Sarah (Mooar) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Dec. 9, 1817. Was a farmer, residing on homestead, near the Wilton line, where he died Jan. 27, 1877. Married Nov. 3, 1844, Cynthia, daughter of Deacon Asa and Melinda (Adams) Knight, born in Hancock, Feb. 9, 1820, and died in Milford, Feb. 15, 1897.

## CHILD.

1. Josephine Anabelle, b. in Milford, Aug. 7, 1850, and d. Oct. 6, 1854.

Eugene Hutchinson, Jr., son of Eugene and Susan (Danforth) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 25, 1813. Was a farmer, residing on the farm formerly owned by his father, and now owned by Charles A. Richardson, on the road to Wilton, until a few years before his death, when he removed to Merrimack, where he died March 8, 1873. Married (1) Nov. 28, 1837, Phebe B., daughter of George and Mary (Wallace) Raymond, born in Mont Vernon, Sept. 13, 1812, and died in Milford, Sept. 11, 1857; (2) May 5, 1868, Lydia A., daugh-

ter of William and Lydia (Putnam) Richardson, born in Lyndeborough, Feb. 25, 1830, and died in New Mexico, Jan. 12, 1886.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Eugene, b. Jan. 17, 1839; d. May 28, 1859.
2. Henry Pratt, b. Aug. 31, 1841; d. May 19, 1864.
3. Abbie Theresa, b. Nov. 7, 1844; m. April 16, 1865, Charles A. Richardson, and res. in Milford.
4. Dana Raymond, b. April 1, 1848; is a farmer, res. in Merrimack; m. July 8, 1877, Florie Eliza, dau. of James E. and Susan M. (Beaman) Walch of Merrimack.
5. Walter Danforth, b. April 21, 1850, and d. Dec. 6, 1874.
6. Delia Caroline, b. Sept. 2, 1853; m. July 8, 1877, Clarence E., son of James E. and Susan M. (Beaman) Walch of Merrimack, and res. in Hudson.

Rodney K. Hutchinson, son of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 7, 1812. Was a carpenter, residing in Milford, where he died Jan. 24, 1890. Married (1) Nov. 12, 1840, Susan E. R., daughter of John and Susanah (Curtis) Hartshorn, born in Hancock, Vt., Dec. 9, 1818, and died in Milford, Aug. 17, 1853; (2) Oct. 6, 1855, Sirepta J., a sister of his first wife, born in Lyndeborough, June 21, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Alfred Alonzo, b. Jan. 7, 1842.
2. Rodney Lorenzo, b. Feb. 4, 1844; d. Aug. 27, 1847.
3. Mary Olivia, b. Oct. 3, 1846; m. March 21, 1888, John C., son of John C. and Mary Fifield; res. in Candia.
4. Susan Luella, b. Oct. 6, 1849; d. July 27, 1856.
5. Viletta Jane, b. March 2, 1853; d. July 17, 1856.
6. Susan Viletta, b. November, 1857; m. April 28, 1880, George L., son of George and Melinda Y. (Burt) Pecker, and res. in Nashua.
7. John Curtis, b. Dec. 22, 1859; is a mechanic, and res. in Milford.
8. Willie Ellsworth, b. Dec. 21, 1861; is a mechanic, and res. in Milford; m. Dec. 21, 1890, Florence E., dau. of Frank J. and Esther (Fuller) Smith of Milford.
9. Grace Britomarte, b. June 7, 1866; m. Feb. 14, 1893, Charles A., son of Charles and Laura A. (Hall) Baker; they res. in Milford.

Francis P. Hutchinson, son of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 28, 1817. Was a blacksmith, residing in Milford until 1857, when he removed to

Manchester, where he died March 31, 1872. Married April 23, 1839, Lorinda, daughter of Ezekiel and Asenath (Duncklee) Goodwin, born in Milford, Sept. 22, 1819, and died in Manchester, May 1, 1870.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Asenath, b. Aug. 14, 1839; m. February, 1860, Benjamin F., son of Walter and — (Baxter) Pancoast of Boston, Mass.; they res. in Cambridgeport, Mass.
2. Adaline, b. Nov. 14, 1841; m. April 7, 1874, Frederick A., son of Charles H. and Selina (Walker) Hawley of Manchester; res. there, and d. June 5, 1895.

Nathan Clinton Hutchinson, son of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 14, 1828. Was a carpenter, residing in Milford, where he died Feb. 21, 1885, the result of an accident in a sawmill. Married April 8, 1852, Sarah, daughter of David and Sarah (Melendy) Willoby of Milford. She now resides with her daughter in Temple.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Alice Diedama, b. Aug. 31, 1858; m. June 16, 1900, James L. Thomas, and res. in Nashua.
2. Fred Albert, b. Jan. 4, 1862; d. in Temple, Dec. 24, 1888; m. Nov. 23, 1887, Jennie Bradley of Woburn, Mass.
3. Myrta Bell, b. Nov. 11, 1864; m. July 26, 1885, Freeman W. Philbrick of Milford, son of John C. and Sarah E. (Gove) Philbrick of Amherst; they res. in Nashua.
4. Eva Drucilla, b. June 25, 1867; m. Jan. 4, 1891, Charles F. Melendy of Temple, son of Thomas and Mary (Badger) Melendy of Nashua; they res. in Temple.

Isaiah Hutchinson, born in Wilton, Jan. 26, 1819, son of Sylvester and Charlotte (Blanchard) Hutchinson, grandson of Ebenezer and great-grandson of Nathan, who settled in Milford in 1748. He was a currier. Came from Wilton in 1840, and resided in Milford, working at his trade until 1878, when he bought a farm in Amherst, to which he removed and resided until his very sudden death, April 21, 1884. Married Nov. 11, 1847, Calista A., daughter of Erastus and Annie (Winship) Brown of Milford, born in Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 6, 1829, and died in Milford, June 13, 1892.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Luella Calista, b. Aug. 5, 1848; m. Nov. 25, 1875, Marsene S., son of Ira and Cynthia (Hight) Hall, and res. in Milford.
2. Anna Francella, b. Oct. 28, 1851; m. May 28, 1873, George C. W., son of Joseph M. and Sarah (Ward) Smith of Milford; res. in Tilton, and d. there Aug. 15, 1896.
3. Isabelle Browne, b. Oct. 31, 1860; m. May 26, 1883, Fred S., son of Charles G. and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Hatch of Milford; res. in Exeter, and Larned, Kan., and d. in Columbus, O., July 16, 1897.

Franklin E. Hutchinson, son of Edmund P. and Maria L. (Center) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 31, 1848. Is a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married Aug. 17, 1876, Mary Ann, daughter of Alfred E. and Sarah E. (Hazleton) Jaques, born in Tuftonborough, April 14, 1855.

## CHILD.

1. Mattie May, b. in Milford, Nov. 27, 1876; m. Nov. 27, 1894, Willard M., son of Abel F. and Nancy J. (Kendall) Gutterson of Vineland, N. J.; res. there; d. in Milford, May 15, 1897.

Andrew Judson Hutchinson, son of Andrew Jackson and Harriet (Daniels) Hutchinson, born in Beloit, Wis., April 30, 1859. Is a dry goods merchant, residing in Milford. Married June 18, 1881, Effie C., daughter of Marcellus M. and Emma (Wetherbee) Marvel, born in Milford, Feb. 1, 1864.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ina Emeline, b. Feb. 25, 1884.
2. Harriet Rita, b. Oct. 23, 1889.

Emri Clark Hutchinson, b. in Milford, July 30, 1849, son of Benjamin F. and Eliza (Richardson) Hutchinson. Is a farmer, residing on homestead on road to Wilton. Married Aug. 9, 1876, Anna E., daughter of Abiel A. and Mary J. (Osgood) Lovejoy, born in Nashua, Nov. 28, 1850.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. M. Roselle, b. Feb. 3, 1878; m. Nov. 15, 1899, Walter B., son of Frank O. and Sarah (Cristy) Loring of Milford, and res. there.
2. Medora Annie, b. Aug. 8, 1888.

Alfred Alonzo Hutchinson, son of Rodney K. and Susan E. R. (Hartshorn) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Jan. 7, 1842. Is



a carpenter, residing in Milford. Married Jan. 6, 1867, Hattie J., daughter of Hiram and Fanny (Peabody) Fairfield, born in Stoddard, Sept. 8, 1846.

## CHILD.

1. Leon Alonzo, b. in Milford, June 10, 1875.

Elisha Hutchinson was a descendant of the emigrant Richard<sup>1</sup> in a slightly different line from Nathan, Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> Joseph.<sup>5</sup> He was born in Middleton, Mass., Dec. 6, 1751, was a farmer, came to Milford in 1779 from Middleton, Mass., and settled on the farm now owned by Frank Ober, lying a little west of the old road to Mont Vernon and near the line of said town, where he died Oct. 12, 1800. Married Nov. 10, 1772, Sarah, daughter of Amos and Mary (—) Buxton, born in Middleton, Mass., in 1751. She married in 1802 Jonathan Conant of Mont Vernon, and died in Milford, Jan. 5, 1828.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MIDDLETON, MASS.

1. † Andrew, b. Feb. 1, 1775.
2. † Jesse, b. Feb. 3, 1778.
3. Sarah, b. in Milford; m. William Marvell.

Andrew Hutchinson, son of Elisha and Sarah (Buxton) Hutchinson, born in Middleton, Mass., Feb. 1, 1775, was a farmer; remained on the homestead until 1834, when he removed to the village into the house now owned by Frank W. Richardson, on road to Mont Vernon, where he died Oct. 22, 1862. Married Martha, daughter of Nathaniel and Phebe (—) Raymond, born in Hamilton, Mass., Feb. 6, 1777, and died in Milford, March 10, 1858.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Nathaniel, b. June 28, 1798.
2. Elisha, b. Oct. 25, 1799; d. Nov. 9, 1800.
3. † Elisha, b. Feb. 6, 1801.
4. Jonathan, b. Jan. 17, 1803; d. Sept. 9, 1805.
5. Sally, b. Oct. 11, 1804; d. Dec. 20, 1806.
6. Sally, b. Sept. 7, 1806; d. Dec. 28, 1807.
7. † Stillman Samuel, b. July 19, 1811.
8. Phebe Dodge, b. March 25, 1814; was a tailoress; d. Sept. 12, 1886; unm.

9. Mary Goodell, b. Dec. 11, 1816, was a seamstress, and died July 24, 1854; unm.
10. Martha Caroline, b. Dec. 30, 1818; was a seamstress; died May 1, 1880; unm.

Jesse Hutchinson, son of Elisha and Sarah (Buxton) Hutchinson, born in Middleton, Mass., Feb. 3, 1778, came to Milford when a child of one year. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead until 1822, when he bought the place on road to Lyndeborough, owned by Col. Joshua Burnham and now owned by Charles Webster, where he died Feb. 16, 1851. Married Aug. 7, 1800, Polly, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Hastings) Leavitt, born in Amherst, June 25, 1785, and died in Milford, Sept. 20, 1868.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jesse, b. Feb. 25, 1802; killed by a pile of boards falling upon him, April 5, 1811.
2. † David, b. Oct. 11, 1803.
3. † Noah Bartlett, b. Jan. 26, 1805.
4. Polly, b. June 7, 1806; d. Sept., 1809.
5. † Andrew B., b. Aug. 19, 1808.
6. † Zephaniah Kittredge, b. Jan. 7, 1810.
7. † Caleb, b. Nov. 25, 1811, } twins.
8. † Joshua, b. Nov. 25, 1811, }
9. † Jesse, b. Sept. 29, 1813.
10. Benjamin P., b. Oct. 3, 1815; was a farmer; res. at home, and d. Dec. 23, 1844.
11. † Judson Joseph, b. March 14, 1817.
12. Sarah Rhoda, b. March 14, 1819; m. (1) Jan., 1843, Isaac A., son of Abner H. and Sally (Fisher) Bartlett of Milford; (2) May 26, 1855, Matthew, son of Matthew and Polly (Conner) Gray of Hancock; res. on the homestead, and d. there Sept. 18, 1881.
13. † John Wallace, b. Jan. 4, 1821.
14. † Asa Burnham, b. March 14, 1823.
15. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1824, and d. Sept. 27, 1828.
16. Abby J., b. Aug. 29, 1829; m. Feb. 28, 1849, Ludlow, son of Rev. William and Mary (Weston) Patton of New York City; res. there, and d. Nov. 24, 1892.

Nathaniel Hutchinson, son of Andrew and Martha (Raymond) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 28, 1798. Was a farmer, residing on place now owned by George R. Hartshorn, one half mile from village, on road to Lyndeborough, where he died May 6, 1859. Married June 4, 1822, Lucinda, daugh-

ter of Ebenezer and Mary (Swan) Pearson, born in Milford, July 27, 1801, and died July 26, 1873.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Everett, b. Sept. 17, 1825.
2. Ann Jane, b. Nov. 2, 1827; m. April 28, 1874, George, son of Daniel and Amanda (Hawes) Perkins of Penobscot, Me.; they res. in Milford, where she d. April 30, 1890.

Elisha Hutchinson, son of Andrew and Martha (Raymond) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Feb. 6, 1801. Was a farmer. Resided in north part of the town on old road to Mont Vernon, where he died Feb. 9, 1843. Married (1) May 30, 1826, Emily, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson, born in Milford in 1803, and died April 18, 1829; (2) May 15, 1836, Sophronia, widow of Philip Whitman, and daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Farrington) Burns, born in Milford, April 25, 1797, and died in Wilton, Sept. 20, 1889.

#### CHILD.

Davis, b. in 1829; left this part of the country when a young man, and has not been heard from.

Stillman S. Hutchinson, son of Andrew and Martha (Raymond) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 19, 1811. Was a farmer. Resided on the homestead, where he died May 24, 1885. Married April 15, 1835, Emeline G., daughter of Moses and Rhoda (Gove) Lull, born in East Weare, Nov. 2, 1813, and now resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lucretia Arvilla, b. Nov. 19, 1837; (m.) May 8, 1862, Edward A., son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Burns; they res. in Somerville, Mass., where he d. Jan. 11, 1891; (2) Nov. 19, 1896, David Heald, Esq., of Milford, and res. there.
2. Sophronia Ann, b. Jan. 8, 1840; m. June 16, 1863, Marsene S., son of Ira and Cynthia (Hight) Hall of Augusta, Me.; res. in Milford, and d. Feb. 25, 1866.
3. Alvaro Oliver, b. July 5, 1845; is a lawyer; res. in Portland, Ore.; m. Jan. 26, 1876, Mary C., dau. of Alexander McC. Wilkins of Merrimack, who d. April 16, 1876.
4. † Herbert Stillman, b. Sept. 15, 1849.

David Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Oct. 11, 1803. Was a farmer. Resided

on place formerly owned by William Wallace and also by his son John Wallace, and is now owned by George D. Armstrong, on old road to Mont Vernon, where he died Aug. 28, 1881. Married (1) April 28, 1829, Betsey, daughter of Nehemiah, Jr., and Rebecca Hutchinson Hayward, born in Milford, March 19, 1807, and died July 20, 1863; (2) 1870 (date of marriage intention being April 13, 1870), Harriet E., widow of Joseph Mace, and daughter of John N. and Nancy (Rhoads) Wheeler of Amherst, born March 13, 1821, and died in Amherst, Sept. 3, 1897.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Georgianna H., b. Jan. 23, 1830; m. Oct. 27, 1857, John N., son of Levi and Maria (Newton) Gatch of Milford, Ohio, and res. there.
2. Hayward M., b. Jan. 19, 1832; was resident manager of the Alaska Commercial Co. in Washington, D. C., where he d. May 10, 1883; m. Sept. 7, 1859, Eliza C., dau. of Edwin A. and Catherine (Johnson) Abbott of Baltimore, Md.
3. Jesse L., b. Feb. 5, 1834; was a merchant; res. in Baltimore, Md., where he d. in 1891; m. June 10, 1856, Sarah, dau. of Rodney and ——— (Perkins) Beard of Mont Vernon.
4. Elias S., b. Dec. 24, 1835; is a merchant; res. in Washington, D. C.; m. May 20, 1858, Lizzie, dau. of Cyrus and Nancy (Irwin) Wilder of New Boston.
5. † John Wallace, b. March 24, 1838.
6. Virginia H., b. June 16, 1840; m. March 13, 1864, Frederick, son of Nathan and Susan E. (Gould) Kendall; res. in Cleveland, O.
7. Delia Florence, b. August 4, 1845; m. June 11, 1872, Lewis N., son of Elias and Emeline (Gatch) Speidel of Swedensburg, Ia., and res. there.
8. Lucretia Oregon, b. Aug. 12, 1848; m. June 1, 1874, Leander, son of Jesse and Eliza (Churchill) Ketcham of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., and res. there.

Noah B. Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Jan. 26, 1805. Was a farmer, removing to Mont Vernon in 1832, where he died March 10, 1873. Married April 5, 1827, Mary, daughter of James and Azubah (Curtis) Hopkins of Mont Vernon. She died there May 16, 1866.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frances Jane, b. May 21, 1828; d. Oct. 25, 1833.

2. Andrew Buxton, b. July 9, 1830. He was a carpenter; res. in South Orange, N. J., where he d. June 24, 1890; m. Dec. 5, 1857, Ellen T., dau. of Rev. David and Jane (Kirkpatrick) Kline, of Glen Gardner, N. J.
3. Matthew Bartlett, b. Apr. 16, 1832; was a farmer; res. in Mont Vernon; unm., and d. March 11, 1895.
4. Aaron Bruce, b. Aug. 4, 1834; was a mechanic; res. in Milford, where he d. July 23, 1899; m. Dec. 31, 1868, Ellen A., dau. of William W. and Lucinda (Hutchinson) Burns of Milford.
5. Ann Jane, b. May 15, 1836; m. Oct. 16, 1864, Daniel, son of Daniel and Charlotte (Winslow) Sargent of New Boston, they res. in Milford.
6. Lucius Bolles, b. Jan. 6, 1839; is a commercial broker; res. in New York city; m. Jan. 6, 1864, Alice M., dau. of Boynton and Alice (——) Rollins of that city.
7. David Judson, b. July 21, 1842; is a stock broker; res. in New York city; m. Oct. 26, 1881, Mary J. Noble, dau. of Luther B. and Dorothy (Keyes) Phelps of that city.
8. Mary Victoria, b. June 22, 1845; d. in South Orange, N. J., May 14, 1864.
9. Chestina Augusta, b. Oct. 5, 1847; res. in Canaan.
10. Henry Appleton, b. Aug. 16, 1850; is a farmer; res. in Mont Vernon; m. Oct. 14, 1871, Lucy J., dau. of Luke and Elizabeth (Langdell) Wilkins of Mont Vernon.

Andrew B. Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1808. Removed to Boston, Mass., when a young man; was a merchant in the city, and died there Oct. 20, 1860. Married June 22, 1834, Elizabeth A., daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Vaughan) Todd, born in Rowley, Mass., Dec. 27, 1813, and died in Boston, Nov. 21, 1887.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN BOSTON, MASS.

1. Jacob Todd, b. July 10, 1836; is a clerk; res. in Dorchester, Mass.; m. Dec. 22, 1870, Esther M., dau. of George and Jane (Phillips) McKay of Charlestown, Mass.
2. Andrew Leavitt, b. June 11, 1838; was a trader; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. March 28, 1867.
3. Marcus Morton, b. Oct. 24, 1844; is a salesman; res. in Boston; m. Feb. 11, 1875, Emeline A., dau. of William B. and Emeline (Rand) Holbrook of Boston.
4. Benjamin Pierce, b. Apr. 14, 1848; is a clerk; res. in Dorchester, Mass.; m. Oct. 27, 1880, Jennette, dau. of Silas and Nancy (Carlton) Coker of Alna, Me.



5. Katie, b. Nov. 15, 1850; m. June 27, 1871, Joseph D., son of David B. and Priscilla (Damon) Elms of Boston, Mass., they res. in Dorchester, Mass.

Zepheniah K. Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Jan. 7, 1810. Was a merchant, and removed to Point Pleasant, Ill., in 1849 or '50, where he died April 17, 1853. Married (1) Aug. 1, 1836, Abby, daughter of Mark D. and Mahala (Jones) Perkins, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 25, 1811, and died in Milford, April 20, 1848; (2) Sept. 20, 1849, Elizabeth D., daughter of Joel and Elizabeth (Dow) Nettleton, born in Newport, Oct. 7, 1814, and died in Patoka, Ill., June 3, 1865.

## CHILDREN.

1. Harriet Maria, b. Aug. 4, 1837; d. April 17, 1842.
2. Harriet Maria, b. July 26, 1841; m. Sept. 23, 1862, Albert, son of Mark and Charlotte (Parsons) Dow of Chicago, and now res. in Glendale, Los Angeles Co., Cal.
3. Levi Woodbury, b. March 19, 1845; d. in Rochester, Minn., Jan. 5, 1891.
4. Mark Perkins, b. Dec. 5, 1847; d. May 1, 1848.
5. Mary Frances, b. March 25, 1851; m. Nov. 29, 1876, David S., son of James H. and Elizabeth Paul (Smith) Locket of Georgetown, Vermillion Co., Ill., now res. in Clinton, DeWitt Co., Ill.
6. Zepheniah Kittridge, b. Dec. 19, 1853; d. Aug. 9, 1854.

Joshua Hutchinson, a twin with Caleb, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 25, 1811. Was a farmer, and resided on road to Amherst. Married June 3, 1835, Irene, daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Muzzy) Fisher, born in Franchestown, Oct. 26, 1810, and died in Milford, Sept. 16, 1888. He died Jan. 21, 1883.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Justin Edward, b. Dec. 21, 1837.
2. Lowell Mason, b. Oct. 28, 1839; d. Aug. 7, 1843.
3. Julia Ella, b. Aug. 23, 1847; d. Sept 30, 1848.
4. † Louis Kossuth, adopted in 1853; b. in Holliston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1842.

Caleb Hutchinson, twin with Joshua, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 25, 1811. Was a farmer. Resided on the homestead where he died Jan. 16, 1854. Married Feb. 18, 1835, Laura, daughter of Oliver and Susannah (Smith) Wright, born in Milford, Nov.

22, 1816; and she married (2) Sept. 29, 1863, Adams Peabody, and now resides in Kansas City, Mo.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Laura Ann, b. Jan. 23, 1837; d. in Wilton, Aug. 24, 1860.
2. Mary Josephine, b. Nov. 26, 1839; res. in Kansas City, Mo.; and d. there March 29, 1895; unm.
3. Susan Maria, b. July 24, 1842; m. Dec. 6, 1866, James C. Babbitt of Jefferson City, Mo.
4. Caleb George Mason, b. May 20, 1844; m. July 22, 1867, Susan Alice, dau of Isaac and Mary B. (Frank) Cole of Jefferson City, res. in Savoy, Mass., and was killed by the cars in Charlmont, Mass., Apr. 17, 1893.
5. Caroline Janette, b. Sept. 24, 1850; m. June 9, 1868, Charles Amos Peabody of Jefferson City, Mo., and res. in Kansas City, Mo.

Jesse Hutchinson, Jr., son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Sept. 29, 1813. Was a printer also a skilled mechanic, and resided in Lynn, Mass. He visited California, and reached Cincinnati, Ohio, on his return when he was taken ill and died May 15, 1853. Married June 8, 1836, Susannah W., daughter of James and Judith (Stevens) Hartshorn, born in Amherst, Oct. 13, 1815, and died in Lynn, Mass., Sept. 10, 1851.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNN, MASS.

1. James Garrison, b. July 3, 1838; d. April 18, 1842.
2. Charles Follen, b. May 1, 1840; d. May 8, 1842.
3. Andrew Edward, b. Jan. 7, 1842; d. Apr. 27, 1842.
4. Jesse Herbert, b. Aug. 8, 1843; d. Apr. 23, 1844.
5. James, b. Jan., 1847; d. 1849.
6. Susan Mary Emma, b. Jan. 16, 1851; d. Sept. 21, 1851.

Judson J. Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 14, 1817. Was a musician. Resided in Milford. Died in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 11, 1859. Married Aug. 7, 1843, Jerusha P., daughter of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, April 20, 1825, and died Dec. 28, 1888.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Kate Louisa, b. May 14, 1845; m. (1) Sept. 25, 1873, Dr. Thomas B., son of Edmund and Sarah A. (Gerrish) Dearborn, of Milford; m. (2) Charles P., son of Lawrence and Mary Jane (Parks) Birney of New York City; she now res. in Milford.
2. Jennie Lind, b. Jan. 4, 1848, and d. March 15, 1863.

John W. Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Jan. 4, 1821, is a musician. Removed to Lynn, Mass., in 1853, where he now resides. Married Feb. 21, 1843, Fanny B., daughter of David A. and Susanna (Parker) Patch, born in Lowell, Mass., June 27, 1822, and died in Lynn, Mass., May 4, 1888.

## CHILDREN.

1. Henry John, b. in Milford, Dec. 18, 1844; was a musician; res. in Lynn, Mass., where he d. April 12, 1884; m. in 1879 Tillie C. Phillips of Chicago, Ill.
2. Viola Gertrude, b. in Mont Vernon, April 18, 1847; m. April 15, 1868, Lewis A., son of William W. and Maria (Starkweather) Campbell of Cherry Valley, N. Y.; now res. in Lynn, Mass.
3. Judson Whittier, b. in Lynn, Mass., Feb. 17, 1862, and d. there April 4, 1898; unm.

Asa B. Hutchinson, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 14, 1823. Removed to Lynn, Mass., in 1853, and later removed to Hutchinson, Minn., where he died, Nov. 25, 1884. He was a musician. Married April 26, 1847, Elizabeth B., daughter of Frederick B. and Phebe B. (Allen) Chase, born in Nantucket, Mass., March 14, 1828, and died in Rushford, Minn., Dec. 20, 1874.

## CHILDREN.

1. Abby, b. in Milford, March 14, 1849; m. Samuel G. Anderson; res. in Hutchinson, Minn., and d. in New York city, Jan. 5, 1884.
2. Frederick Chase, b. in Milford, Feb. 4, 1851; was a musician; unm.; d. in Hutchinson, Minn., Oct. 31, 1873.
3. Oliver Dennett, b. in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 15, 1856; m. Sept. 10, 1878, Nelly, dau. of J. P. and Frances (Ware) Drew; he is a musician, and res. in Hutchinson, Minn.
4. Ellen Chase, b. in Lynn, Mass., May 22, 1861; d. in New York City, Jan. 24, 1867.

Everett Hutchinson, son of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Pearson) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Sept. 17, 1825, is a stone-cutter and quarryman. Resides in Milford. Married Aug. 13, 1874, Ella, daughter of Daniel and Amanda (Hawes) Perkins, born in Penobscot, Me., Dec. 25, 1852.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Flora Lucinda, b. April 5, 1875; m. Nov. 20, 1895, Leon C., son of George N. and Ann E. (Gutterson) Hall; res. in Milford.

2. Dora Amanda, b. Oct. 31, 1876; d. Nov. 3, 1899.
3. Edward Everett, b. Oct. 2, 1878; is a mechanic; res. in Milford.
4. Walter Watson, b. April 13, 1881.

Herbert S. Hutchinson, son of Stillman S. and Emeline G. (Lull) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Sept. 15, 1849. Is a physician, and resides in Milford. Married July 22, 1882, Hattie, daughter of Elias and Caroline (Batchelder) Wilson, born in Francestown, Nov. 17, 1860.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Herbert Lull, b. in Francestown, July 17, 1883.
2. Rollo Wilson, b. in Milford, April 21, 1891.

John W. Hutchinson, son of David and Betsey (Hayward) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 24, 1838. Was a farmer while in Milford. Removed a few years since to Providence, R. I., where he now resides. Married (1) Sept. 1, 1863, Victoria, daughter of George D. and Ruth E. (Giles) Neville, born in Chester, Oct. 8, 1838, and died in Milford, Oct. 28, 1871; (2) Jan. 24, 1875, Rhoda E., daughter of Thomas W. and Elizabeth (French) Gillis, born in Nashua, May 24, 1838, and died in Milford, Nov. 12, 1892.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Ernest Neville, b. in Milford, July 21, 1864; is a veterinary surgeon; res. in Jackson, Tenn.; m. July 17, 1894, Bessie, dau. of Samuel and Susan (Laudis) Burbaker of Berlin, Pa.
2. John Wallace, b. in Baltimore, Md., June 9, 1866; is a book-keeper; m. Sept. 24, 1889, Mary J., dau. of Lawrence and Jane (Gilmore) McCanna of Oswego, N. Y., and res. there.
3. Betsey Hayward, b. in Milford, July 21, 1870; m. June 9, 1889, Arthur D. C., son of Dr. Eugene and Hattie (Wilkins) Wason of New Boston, and res. there.
4. Alice Victoria, b. in Milford, Sept. 10, 1871; m. June 28, 1893, Frank F., son of John W. and Eliza A. (Clark) Frederick of Methuen, Mass.; res. in Urbana, Ill.

Justin E. Hutchinson, son of Joshua and Irene (Fisher) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Dec. 21, 1837. Is a printer. Resides in Milford. Married July 11, 1864, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Davis) Lewis, born in Kingston, Ireland, March 17, 1847, and died in Milford, Jan. 30, 1892.



## CHILDREN.

1. † Ludlow Mason, b. in Milford, July 23, 1865.
2. Thomas Joshua, b. in Amherst, Aug. 22, 1867; is a mechanic; res. in Milford; unm.
3. † Fred Ambrose, b. in Amherst, Dec. 18, 1869.
4. Mary Irene Ella, b. in Milford, March 28, 1873; d. in Milford, Nov. 24, 1875.
5. Kate Alice, b. in Milford, Sept. 18, 1877; res. in Milford.
6. Charles Jesse, b. in Amherst, June 16, 1879.
7. Justin Edward, b. in Milford, Jan. 4, 1884.

Louis Kossuth Hutchinson, adopted son of Joshua and Irene (Fisher) Hutchinson, born in Holliston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1842. Came from Hopkinton, Mass., in 1887, and resides on a farm near the North schoolhouse. Married Oct. 20, 1867, Sarah A., daughter of Jesse and Mary A. (Balcom) Jennings, born in Hopkinton, Mass., July 17, 1849.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN HOPKINTON, MASS.

1. Charlotte, b. March 5, 1869; d. in Hopkinton, Mass., Dec. 28, 1879.
2. Melwin, b. June 3, 1870; is a farmer; res. with his father.
3. Effie Christabel, b. May 1, 1872; d. March 21, 1874.
4. Jessie Maria, b. Sept. 21, 1875; res. at home.
5. Frankie, b. July 25, 1878; d. May 16, 1879.

Ludlow M. Hutchinson, son of Justin E. and Mary (Lewis) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 23, 1865. Is a mechanic. Resides in Milford. Married (1) April 18, 1885, Clara, daughter of Alpheus and Sarah (Hackett) Stevens, born in Amherst, Oct. 20, 1867; (2) Nov. 23, 1897, Lydia J., widow of Harris O. Dorett and daughter of Bazil and Malisa (La Plant) Martell, born in Grand Isle, Vt., June 29, 1866.

## CHILDREN.

1. Clarence Ludlow, b. in Milford, Jan. 18, 1886.
2. Edna Ann, b. in Milford, Dec. 25, 1890.
3. Ella May, b. in Amherst, Aug. 27, 1892.
4. Alpheus Warren, b. in Amherst, April 14, 1894.
5. Agnes Mary, b. in Milford, May 12, 1898.

Frederick A. Hutchinson, son of Justin E. and Mary (Lewis) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Dec. 18, 1869. Is a mechanic. Resides in Milford. Married Dec. 18, 1892, Alice A., daugh-



ter of Thomas and Mary A. (Dillon) Ward, born in Wilton, July 25, 1874.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Bernard Ambrose, b. in Milford March 30, 1893.
2. Frederick Andrew, b. in Keene, Apr. 22, 1894.
3. Mary Ward, b. in Milford, Nov. 6, 1895.
4. Alice Christine, b. in Milford, Dec. 16, 1896.
5. Leo Francis, b. in Milford, Nov. 8, 1897.
6. Beatrice Adele, b. in Milford, Dec. 3, 1899, and d. Dec. 30, 1899.

Timothy Hutchinson, son of Nathaniel and Katherine (—) Hutchinson, born in Pepperell, Mass., July 24, 1758. Was a farmer, coming here in 1782, and settling on a place south of James Sanderson's, in southern part of the town. Buildings were burned a few years since, where he died Nov. 22, 1830. Married May 1, 1782, Prudence Elliot, born in Pepperell, Mass., June 11, 1764, and died in Milford, Aug. 30, 1845.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Prudence, b. March 21, 1783; m. Sept. 18, 1811, Ira, son of Benjamin and Betty (Adams) Wright; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 18, 1864.
2. Timothy, Jr., b. March 21, 1785; was a farmer; res. in Pepperell, Mass., where he d. Nov. 23, 1839; m. July 28, 1811, Jeannette, dau. of Andrew and — (Hall) Robertson of Pembroke.
3. † Henry, b. May 28, 1788.
4. † Royal, b. Apr. 12, 1791.
5. Rachel, b. July 1, 1793; m. Aug. 13, 1815, Benjamin, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Walton) Osgood of Milford; d. in Salem, Mass., Dec. 28, 1882.
6. † Franklin, b. March 9, 1796.
7. Jeremiah Elliot, b. Aug. 28, 1798, and d. March 4, 1799.
8. † Elliot, b. Sept. 19, 1801.
9. † Freeman, b. Aug. 12, 1804.
10. † John Bryant, b. Nov. 25, 1806.

Henry Hutchinson, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, May 28, 1788. Was a farmer. Resided on place next to Brookline, now or lately owned by Levi H. Putnam, from which he removed to the place now owned by Clarence J. Gutterson, near the schoolhouse in district No. 5, where he died Dec. 8, 1862. Married Sarah, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Walton) Osgood, born in Milford, Jan. 16, 1793, and died Dec. 4, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nelson, b. Jan. 13, 1816; was a shoedealer; res. in Worcester, Mass.; m. June 16, 1841, Hannah, dau. of Abel W. and Hannah (Jones) Rugg of Lancaster, Mass.; he d. in Milford, July 9, 1853.
2. Josiah Osgood, b. Oct. 19, 1817; d. Aug. 19, 1821.
3. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Feb. 25, 1821; d. Apr. 28, 1843.
4. Osgood, b. March 29, 1823; was a farmer; rem. to New Rutland, Ill., in 1854; m. Mary Arnold of Rutland, Ill.; res. in New Rutland, where he d. Nov. 29, 1894.
5. Lucinda, b. March 19, 1826; m. Oct. 14, 1847, William W., son of Daniel Jr., and Lydia (Sawtelle) Burns of Milford, and now res. there.

Royal Hutchinson, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, April 12, 1791. Was a farmer. Resided in school district No. 4, on place formerly owned by Jacob Adams, where he died Aug. 16, 1877. Married Feb. 17, 1818, Abigail, daughter of Joseph and ——— (Maynard) Howard, born in Weston, Vt., Sept. 29, 1796, and died in Milford, March 28, 1879.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lisette, b. Nov. 29, 1818; m. Trueworthy White of Methuen, Mass.; res. there, and d. Nov. 22, 1863.
2. Samuel, b. Feb. 18, 1822; d. Oct. 6, 1843.
3. Lucy, b. July 17, 1824; m. May 10, 1877, John J., son of William and Johannah (Hodge) Savage; res. in Milford, and d. Jan. 10, 1889.
4. Abigail Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1826; m. May 1, 1850, Christopher H. Bodwell of Lawrence, Mass., and d. there, March, 1892.
5. Jacob Adams, b. Apr. 20, 1830; was a farmer; res. on homestead; unm., and d. July 9, 1868.
6. Luke, b. Aug. 6, 1832; was employed on railroad, and was killed by cars in Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 18, 1861; m. Georgia Kimball of Methuen, Mass.
7. Caroline Howard, b. July 22, 1834; m. March 1, 1883, Joseph P., son of Samuel and Rebecca (Reed) Flint of Salem, Mass., and res. there.
8. † Jason Elliot, b. Oct. 11, 1837.

Franklin Hutchinson, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 9, 1796. Was a farmer. Resided in school district No. 5, where he died Oct. 10, 1878. Married Nov. 20, 1823, Nyrha, daughter of John and Phebe

(Ballard) Gutterson, born in Milford, March 11, 1802, and died there March 19, 1877.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nyrha Jane, b. March 10, 1826; res. in Milford; unm.
2. Adaline, b. Aug. 10, 1830; res. in Milford; unm.
3. † Henry Newton, b. Aug. 28, 1832.
4. † William Bryant, b. Apr. 8, 1837.

Elliot Hutchinson, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Sept. 19, 1801. Was a shoemaker and farmer. Resided in school district No. 5, where he died July 21, 1867. Married Feb. 8, 1832, Rhoda, daughter of Moses and Betsey (Bradford) Burns, born in Milford, Dec. 25, 1809, and died March 4, 1873.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Elliot, b. Feb., 1846; d. Oct. 13, 1846.
2. George Franklin, b. Sept. 19, 1848; is a merchant; res. in Plattsburg, N. Y.; m. Sept. 7, 1869, Nancy J., dau. of Charles O. and L. A. (Tucker) Cook of Peterborough.

Freeman Hutchinson, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 12, 1804. Was a farmer. Resided on place now owned by Chester C. Fitch, on road to Mason. Married Aug. 4, 1831, Mary J., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gutterson) Lancaster, born in Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 10, 1811. Now living in Milford.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Almira Jane, b. Oct. 22, 1833; m. June 17, 1855, Charles F. Byam of Charlestown, Mass., and res. there.
2. Lydia Ann, b. May 29, 1837; m. Dec. 25, 1860, John B., son of Capt. Charles and Nancy (Smith) Melendy of Amherst; they res. in Milford.

John B. Hutchinson, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 25, 1806. Was a farmer. Resided a few years upon the homestead, thence removed to farm formerly owned by Daniel Smith, now owned by his grandson, John B. Burt, where he died, Nov. 9, 1884. Married Jan. 8, 1831, Recta, daughter of Benjamin, Jr., and Polly (Wright) Wright of Milford, born March 28, 1805, and died Jan. 16, 1892.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet Maria, b. June 21, 1833; m. May 12, 1856, John A., son of John and Tryphena (Young) Burt; res. in Milford.
2. Mary Elizabeth, b. Apr. 17, 1835; m. Jan. 7, 1861, Milton, son of Joshua and Eliza (Hurd) Parker; res. in Milford.
3. Eliza Ann, b. Feb. 17, 1837; m. Nov. 11, 1857, Jason T., son of Isaac and Lydia (Gutterson) Burns of Milford, and now res. there.

Jason E. Hutchinson, son of Royal and Abigail (Howard) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Oct. 11, 1837. Is a farmer. Resided on the homestead until a few years since, when he removed to the village, and now resides on road to Amherst. Married (1) Nov. 7, 1860, Mary Jane, daughter of Josiah D. and Almira (Lovejoy) Crosby, born in Milford, April 20, 1836, and died in Milford, May 30, 1876; (2) Dec. 11, 1879, Lydia Ann, a sister of first wife, born in Brookline, March 31, 1845.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Amy Ellsworth, b. Aug. 27, 1861; d. Oct. 9, 1875.
2. Herbert Carl, b. Dec. 26, 1862; is a clerk, and res. in Springfield, Mass.; m. Dec. 9, 1886, Nellie A., dau. of Albert M. and Mary A. (Melendy) Jenness of Milford.
3. Harry Earl, b. Dec. 26, 1862; is a clerk, and res. in Springfield, Mass.
4. Fred Luke, b. June 23, 1864; d. Sept. 6, 1885.
5. George Josiah, b. Sept. 7, 1865; is a shipping clerk; res. in East Cambridge, Mass.; m. July 4, 1891, Ida Alexander of Boston, Mass.
6. Llewellyn, b. June 18, 1867; d. Feb. 23, 1868.
7. Anna Belle, b. Aug. 20, 1870; res. in Milford; unm.
8. Clara Jane, b. Oct. 8, 1873; d. July 23, 1875.
9. Mary Susan, b. Dec. 9, 1881; d. Dec. 15, 1882.

Henry N. Hutchinson, son of Franklin and Nyrha (Gutterson) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 28, 1832. Is a cabinet maker. Resides in Milford. Married March 1, 1856, Laura J., daughter of Thomas and Caroline (Clough) Wightman, born in Stanbridge, P. Q., May 5, 1835, and died in Milford, Dec. 27, 1888.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Eva Jane, b. Sept. 30, 1859; m. March 9, 1882, George B., son of Bakewell and Agnes (Barlow) Frost of Malden, Mass.; res. in East Drownville, R. I.



2. † Charles A., b. July 9, 1864.
3. Willis G., b. Nov. 3, 1868; is a carpenter; res. in Drownville, R. I.
4. William B., b. Nov. 3, 1868; is a carpenter; res. in Drownville, R. I.; m. Dec. 2, 1896, Hattie P., dau. of Worcester L. and Mary L. (Johnson) Winslow of Milford.
5. Georgina D., b. July 7, 1874; res. with her father; unm.

William B. Hutchinson, son of Franklin and Nyrha (Gutter-son) Hutchinson, born in Milford, April 8, 1837. Was a farmer. Enlisted in the army in War of 1861 to 1865, and died at Fort Foote, Md., Oct. 2, 1864. Married Oct. 27, 1859, Alma F., daughter of Eri C. and Hannah (Holt) Wheeler, born in Hollis, March 30, 1839, and now resides in town.

## CHILD.

1. Ida May, b. Aug. 24, 1862; res. in Milford; unm.

Charles A. Hutchinson, son of Henry N. and Laura J. (Wightman) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 9, 1864. Is a farmer. Resides in Drownville, R. I. Married Sept. 30, 1890, Emma P., daughter of John and Frances M. (Little) Murphy, born in Barre, Vt., Nov. 15, 1867.

## CHILD.

1. Edith Clara, b. in Milford, July 18, 1897.

Fred N. Hutchinson, son of Nathaniel B. and Lizzie H. (Hunter) Hutchinson, born in Brookline, March 19, 1874. Is one of some other line of Hutchinsons, of whom we have no record; came here from Brookline in 1890, and is in grocery trade. Married Jan. 23, 1896, Mary S., daughter of David and Mary E. (Stone) Heald, born in Milford, May 20, 1873.

## CHILD.

1. Carl Frederick, b. in Milford, March 30, 1897.

## JAQUITH.

Ebenezer Jaquith, son of Ebenezer and Ruth (Wright) Jaquith, born in Hollis, Dec. 30, 1782. Was a farmer. Resided in Washington about twenty years, and came from Nashua to Milford in 1833, where he died March 10, 1840. Married in 1809, Lucy, daughter of Salmon Rice, born in Ash-



burnham, Mass., July 24, 1790, and died in Milford, Dec. 5, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN WASHINGTON.

1. Lorena, b. Jan. 17, 1810; m. April 7, 1829, John C., son of Josiah C. and Betsey (Clark) Spring of Washington; res. in Wilton; d. in Lebanon, Jan. 25, 1891.
2. Infant, b. July 19, 1811; d. same year.
3. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 5, 1812; d. same year.
4. Gilman, b. Jan. 28, 1814; was a manufacturer; m. Hannah, dau. of Amos and Mehitabel (Smith) Merrill of Windham; d. in Temple, Jan. 8, 1894.
5. Cyrus, b. Aug. 15, 1815; a farmer; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Nov. 6, 1839, Orissa, daughter of John and Lydia (Dodge) Sleeper of Fracestow.
6. Walter, b. Sept. 6, 1818; was a cotton manufacturer; res. in Milford, Davis Co., Kan., where he d. Jan. 17, 1878; m. Aug. 31, 1842, Sarah, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Gutterson) Lancaster of Milford.
7. Merrick, b. May 11, 1820; d. in Nashua, 1839.
8. Charles, b. May 22, 1824; d. in Manchester, March 13, 1842.
9. Laura A., b. Feb. 16, 1830; m. June 14, 1855, Albert C., son of Daniel and Mary (Bartlett) Osborne of Bradford, Vt.; they res. in Toledo, Ohio.

## JENKINS.

Charles A. Jenkins, son of William P. and Maria S. (Rogers) Jenkins, born in Milton July 2, 1845. Came to Milford in 1878 from Mont Vernon. Is a farmer and teamster, and resides on place formerly owned by Reuben Hutchinson. Married Jan. 1, 1867, Sarah L., daughter of Morris M. and Sarah R. (Needham) Heath, born in Milford, Dec. 31, 1846.

## CHILDREN.

1. Nettie Letitia, b. in Hancock, Feb. 7, 1870; m. Nov. 28, 1889, Edgar A., son of Lorenzo D. and Ella (Emery) Littlefield of Wells, Me., and res. in Springfield, Mass.
2. Hattie Maria, b. in Bennington, Aug. 11, 1871; m. May 10, 1897, Frank Davis; res. in Springfield, Mass.

## JEWETT.

Nathan Jewett, son of Josiah and Rebecca (Wood) Jewett, born in Amherst, Oct. 30, 1806. Came to Milford in 1836. Was a shoemaker and later did a jobbing business. Resided

near the railroad crossing on Union street, where he died Feb. 20, 1890. Married (1) March 12, 1829, Abigail, daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Peacock) Parker, born in Amherst, Oct. 6, 1804, and died there Aug. 7, 1831; (2) Dec. 20, 1836, Lavinia, widow of Thomas J. Johnson, and daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson, born in Milford, April 9, 1808, and died Feb. 4, 1868; (3) Oct. 15, 1868, Caroline A., widow of Albert W. Foss, and daughter of Nathan and Sarah P. (—) Wright, born in Shelburne, Mass., Dec. 9, 1827.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Nathan, b. in Amherst, May 6, 1830; d. there Sept. 3, 1830.
2. Hattie A. (adopted), b. March 2, 1833; m. Apr. 6, 1853, David J., son of James and Eliza (Goodwin) Pearsons of Lyndeborough; res. in Cambridgeport, Mass., and d. May 26, 1877.
3. † George Franklin, b. in Milford, Dec. 30, 1869.

George F. Jewett, son of Nathan and Caroline A. (Wright) (Foss) Jewett, born in Milford, Dec. 30, 1869. Is a grocer. Married Nov. 26, 1891, Grace Gertrude, daughter of Everett and Georgia E. (Center) Stickney, born in Milford, Nov. 7, 1873.

## CHILD.

1. Frieda, b. in Milford, Sept. 24, 1892.

Joel Jewett, son of William and Betsey (Hobbs) Jewett, born in Temple, May 5, 1804. Was a farmer. Came from Temple to Milford in 1856, and resided on farm formerly owned by David Goodwin on Federal Hill, and now owned by his son, E. K. Jewett, where he died Sept. 16, 1881. Married Nov. 24, 1831, Lydia C., daughter of Phineas and Sarah (Stevens) Blanchard, born in Milford, June 15, 1811, and died July 21, 1884.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN TEMPLE.

1. Leonard Miles, b. Jan. 4, 1833; was a farmer; res. on place near Milford Springs, where he d. Jan. 20, 1887; m. Sept. 15, 1859, Harriet E., dau. of James and Elizabeth (Blunt) Blanchard of Milford.
2. Sarah J., b. Aug. 25, 1834; m. May, 1854, James O'Killam of Temple, and d. there Nov., 1854.
3. † Elbridge K., b. July 28, 1837.
4. Betsey A., b. May 20, 1842; res. in Milford; unm.

Elbridge K. Jewett, son of Joel and Lydia C. (Blanchard) Jewett, born in Temple, July 28, 1837, came to Milford with his father in 1856. Is a farmer and resides on homestead. Married Dec. 25, 1884, Martha J., widow of Charles O. Brooks, and daughter of John D. and Mary J. (Buttrick) Brown, born in Amherst, May 27, 1855.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Willis Elbridge, b. June 16, 1886.
2. Maurice Gordon, b. Dec. 9, 1887.
3. Edwin Otis, b. March 8, 1891.
4. Elwin Martin, b. March 8, 1891; d. Aug. 22, 1891.

## JOHNSON.

Daniel Johnson, born in Danvers, Mass., in 1766. Came to Milford before the incorporation of the town, being taxed in 1794. Was a farmer. Resided on the place now owned by John P. Melendy, where he died Nov. 28, 1831. Married about 1792, Rachel, daughter of Nathan and Rachel (Stearns) Hutchinson, who died September 12, 1842.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fanny, b. in 1793; m. John, son of Eliphalet and Lois (—) Mace of Milford; d. in Pepperell, Mass., May 11, 1859.
2. † Daniel, Jr., b. Oct. 19, 1795.
3. † James, b. Jan. 12, 1797.
4. Rachel, b. 1799; d. Sept. 18, 1821.
5. Emily, b. 1803; m. May 30, 1826, Elisha, son of Dea. Andrew and Martha (Raymond) Hutchinson; d. Apr. 18, 1829.
6. † Thomas Jefferson, b. 1805.

Daniel Johnson, Jr., son of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson, born in Milford, Oct. 19, 1795. Was a farmer. Resided on a part of the homestead, where he died Aug. 30, 1831. Married Alma, daughter of Ebenezer and Anna (Johnson) Averill, born in Milford, 1796, and died Aug. 3, 1855.

## CHILD.

1. Isaac Newton, b. in Milford, May 2, 1827; is a cooper; res. in Milford; m. Sept. 27, 1855, Sophia M., dau. of Jeremiah and Harriet E. (Elkins) Hood; no ch.

James Johnson, son of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson, born in Milford, Jan. 12, 1797. Was a farmer.

Resided on place next to Brookline now owned by Geo. W. Gilcreast, from which he removed to the village in 1833, where he died Feb. 20, 1886. Married April 20, 1821, Bethiah, daughter of Nathan and Ruth (Waterman) Hall, born in Milford, April 4, 1795, and died April 8, 1879.

## CHILD.

1. Caroline Hall, b. in Milford, May 4, 1831; m. March 9, 1852, Robert R. Howison of Milford, and son of Robert and Nancy (Wadleigh) Howison of Kingsey, P. Q.; d. in Milford, Jan. 24, 1867.

Thomas J. Johnson, son of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson, born in Milford in 1805. Was a farmer and carpenter. Resided on homestead with his father, where he died Nov. 1, 1834. Married May 21, 1829, Lavinia, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hobart) Gutterson, born in Milford, April 9, 1808, and died Feb. 4, 1868.

## CHILD.

1. Infant son, b. July 20, 1830; d. Aug. 2, 1830.

Charles F. Johnson, son of Joseph and Ann M. (Kidder) Johnson, born in Amherst, Nov. 27, 1861. Came to Milford in 1880. Resides on road to Nashua. Is a carriage painter. Married Feb. 9, 1888, Margaret A., daughter of John and Mary A. (Herlehy) Quinlan, born in Milford, Oct. 29, 1860.

## CHILD.

1. John William, b. in Milford, July 13, 1890.

## JONES.

Caleb Jones, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (—) Jones, born in Wilmington, Mass., April 8, 1726. Came to Milford in 1745, and settled on land in the Mile Slip, where he made a home, and in due time married Deborah, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Wilson) Hopkins, born in Billerica, Mass., April 24, 1729, and died in Milford May 2, 1819. He died April 16, 1805.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Deborah.
2. Hannah.
3. Caleb, Jr.
4. John, b. 1760; d. in Milford, Apr. 22, 1791.
5. Sarah.



6. Joshua.
7. Elizabeth, b. 1767; d. in Milford, Apr. 14, 1794.
8. † Zadok, b. July 5, 1773.

Zadok Jones, son of Caleb and Deborah (Hopkins) Jones, born in Milford, July 5, 1773. Was a farmer. Resided on the homestead now owned by his grandson, Fred Jones, where he died July 31, 1823. Married in 1803, Rebecca Abbot, born in Chelmsford, Mass., Aug. 26, 1778, and died in Milford, March 25, 1864.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Stephen, b. Sept. 26, 1804.
2. Susanna, b. June 16, 1806; m. May 24, 1827, Peter, Jr., son of Peter and Hannah (Burnham) Hopkins of Milford; they res. in New Boston, where she d. Sept. 17, 1872.
3. † Zadok, Jr., b. May 24, 1808.
4. Davis, b. May 27, 1810.
5. Hannah, b. Dec. 30, 1812.
6. Fanny, b. Dec. 7, 1814; m. Edward Sanborn of Dorchester, Mass., and res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. Oct. 26, 1896.
7. Caleb, b. Nov. 26, 1816; was a coachman, and res. in Boston, Mass.
8. † William, b. Jan. 13, 1818.
9. Sarah, b. Dec. 17, 1820; m. William Jones of South Norridge-wock, Me.; d. in Lowell, Mass.

Zadok Jones, Jr., son of Zadok and Rebecca (Abbot) Jones, born in Milford, May 24, 1808. Was a farmer. Married July 25, 1832, Eleanor Sanborn, born in Dorchester, Mass.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fanny M., b. March 25, 1833; m. in 1850, Lindsey Woodward of Lowell, Mass.; res. there.
2. Elizabeth S., b. June 23, 1834; m. July 22, 1855, Charles Gibson, son of Timothy and Mary (Farnsworth) Draper of Antrim, and res. there.
3. Sarah, b. June 2, 1836; m. July 4, 1853, James B. Abby of Nashua; res. in Chicopee, Mass.; d. in Lowell, Mass., March, 1896.
4. Zadok A., b. Dec. 21, 1839; is a gardener; res. in Collins, Ohio.
5. Ellen E., b. Oct. 29, 1846; m. June 1, 1867, John, son of David Carkin of Lyndeborough, and res. there.
6. Annette S., b. March 14, 1849; m. Jan. 21, 1868, Andrew N. Fletcher of Milford.

William Jones, son of Zadok and Rebecca (Abbot) Jones, born in Milford, Jan. 13, 1818. Was a farmer. Resided on



the homestead, where he died Oct. 26, 1896. Married (1) Feb. 20, 1844, Harriet E., daughter of Holland and Eliza (Hutchinson) Hopkins of Milford, born July 30, 1826, and died Oct. 30, 1854; (2) Feb. 15, 1866, Laura J., widow of William Thurston and daughter of Henry and Mary (Welch) Bedell, born in South Berwick, Me., March 13, 1831. Resides with her son at the old homestead.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ann Elizabeth, b. Nov. 20, 1844; m. Aug. 6, 1863, Benjamin W., son of Henry and Mary (Welch) Bedell of South Berwick, Me.; they res. in Milford.
2. Andrew Monroe, b. Oct. 18, 1848; d. Sept. 20, 1854.
3. Ada Frances, b. Feb. 21, 1852; m. Sept. 29, 1880, Charles A., son of Charles and Mary H. (Parmenter) Worthing of Lynn, Mass., and res there.
4. Arabella, b. Sept. 29, 1854; m. Titus Lowe; res. in Goffstown.
5. † Fred., b. May 7, 1868.
6. Perley, b. Sept. 24, 1879; d. Apr. 26, 1880.

Fred Jones, son of William and Laura J. (Bedell) Jones, born in Milford, May 7, 1868. Is a farmer. Resides on the homestead. Married Dec. 15, 1891, Abbie E., daughter of Fred and Mary (Colburn) Wright, born in Brookline, Jan. 15, 1862.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Laura Elsie, b. May 29, 1893.
2. Edith Etna, b. Apr. 8, 1895.
3. Merle Bedell, b. Sept. 6, 1896.

John B. Jones, born in Mont Vernon, July 15, 1814. Was a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1843. Resided in the village, and died Dec. 7, 1867. Married March 18, 1843, Nancy, daughter of Joseph and Eleanor (Woodbury) Hood, born in Bedford, March 13, 1812, and died in Nashua, Dec. 13, 1889.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Louella, b. Dec. 11, 1843; was in the army in the War of 1861 to 1865; he was wounded in the Battle of Drury Bluff in S. C., and was killed in an accident on the Weldon Railroad, June 9, 1864.
2. † Elbridge Perkins, b. Sept. 21, 1845.

Elbridge P. Jones, son of John B. and Nancy (Hood) Jones, born in Milford, Sept. 21, 1845. Is a painter. Resided in

Milford until 1881, when he removed to Nashua, and now resides there. Married April 4, 1872, Emma M., daughter of James and Electa J. (Richardson) Pond, born in Harrisville, March 20, 1845.

## CHILD.

1. Lena Jennie, b. in Milford, Nov. 10, 1874; m. Feb. 22, 1894, Ozro J., son of Harvey and Sarah (Melendy) Duncklee of Nashua, and res. there.

## JORDAN.

Nahum Jordan, son of Loring and Rebecca (Joy) Jordan, born in Ellsworth, Mass., March 8, 1820. Was a painter. Came here in 1862 from Boston, Mass. Married Jan. 19, 1853, Mary A., daughter of John and Mary (Leeson) Baldwin, born in Ireland, of English parents, Oct. 10, 1831.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emma N., b. in Boston, Mass., Oct. 19, 1853; m. Oct. 31, 1878, William K., son of Hervey and Lavinia (Hall) Putnam of Milford.
2. Frank E., b. in Boston, Mass., Dec. 15, 1856; is a rattan worker, and res. in Wakefield, Mass.; m. June 1, 1882, Martha L. Wellman of Bremen, Me.
3. Loring, b. in Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 12, 1860; d. March 15, 1860.
4. Lizzie Joy, b. in Chelsea, Mass., Apr. 6, 1862; was a teacher, and d. in Milford, March 23, 1884.

## JOSLIN.

Harry A. Joslin, son of Henry H. and D. Jane (Smith) Joslin, born in Lyndeborough, July 19, 1863. Is a carpenter. Came to Milford in 1895. Married Sept. 19, 1889, Marion G., daughter of Lyman and Mary (Turner) Burnham, born in Holden, Mass., June 9, 1862.

## CHILDREN.

1. Bessie June, b. in Milford, June 6, 1891.
2. Henry Hartwell, b. in Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27, 1893.
3. Ruth, b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 11, 1894.
4. Emily Smith, b. in Milford, Aug. 24, 1899.

## JUNKINS.

Leon L. Junkins, son of John A. and Caroline F. (Boutelle) Junkins, born in Nashua, Aug 18, 1864. Is a carpenter.

Came to Milford in 1889 from Amherst. Married Aug. 28, 1889, Nellie M., daughter of Frank B. and Clara J. (Bell) Dean, born in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 27, 1864.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John Norman, b. July 12, 1892.
2. Mildred B., b. March 4, 1898.

#### KALEY.

Timothy Kaley, son of Dennis and Hannah (Bantry) Kaley, born in Bandon, Ireland, April 16, 1817. Came to Milford in 1859 from Canton, Mass. Was a manufacturer of cotton yarn. Resided in the village where he died Sept 8, 1882. Married (1) Sarah W. Upham of Canton, Mass. (Intention of marriage issued by town clerk, Sept. 8, 1838) ; she died in Canton, Mass. ; (2) Sarah J. Hersey, born in Sumner, Me., in 1824, and died in Milford, July 19, 1861 ; (3) June 26, 1862, Mary M. Fuller, born in Norridgewalk, Me., in 1834, and died in Milford, April 14, 1872 ; (4) Feb. 27, 1873, Lucy E., daughter of Jarvis and Sarah (Spalding) Billings, born in Canton, Mass., Feb. 14, 1841, now resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Emmeline, b. in Canton, Mass., July 16, 1839 ; m. Oct. 6, 1861, Louis C., son of Jarvis and Sarah (Spalding) Billings of Canton, Mass. ; res in Milford, and d. Feb. 6, 1874.
2. † Frank Elmer, b. in Canton, Mass., March 13, 1856.
3. Mary G., b. in Milford, April 4, 1872, and d. Aug 22, 1872.

Frank E. Kaley, son of Timothy and Sarah J. (Hersey) Kaley, born in Canton, Mass., March 13, 1856. Is a manufacturer of cotton yarn. Married Oct. 9, 1884, Harriet E., daughter of William R. and Harriet (Gardner) Wallace, born in Milford, July 22, 1861.

#### CHILD.

1. Barbara, b. in Milford, July 12, 1891.

#### KEITH.

William S. Keith, son of George H. and Julia A. (Stevens) Keith, born in Warsaw, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1861. Came to Mil-

ford in 1886 from Amherst. Is a soap manufacturer. Married Dec. 10, 1888, Eva G., daughter of Charles E. and Hattie F. (Kidder) Stone, born in Milford, June 10, 1867.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Bernice Edna, b. Feb. 6, 1890.
2. Frank William, b. Dec. 22, 1892.
3. Hazel Gertrude, b. May 3, 1895.
4. Edith Frances, b. May 20, 1897.

Charles W. Keith, son of George H. and Julia A. (Stevens) Keith, born in North Chelmsford, Mass., July 19, 1869. Came to Milford in 1892 from Pepperell, Mass. Is a mason. Married May 24, 1889, Dora L., daughter of Ephraim A. and Nancy (Ashby) Parkhurst, born in Amherst, Aug. 29, 1871.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN PEPPERELL, MASS.

1. Roy Leon, b. Nov. 9, 1889.
2. Ruth Mary, b. Oct. 31, 1890.

## KENDALL.

Willard Kendall, son of Hezekiah, born in Hollis, Jan. 7, 1806. Came to Milford in 1836. Resided on a farm in the western part of the town, and died in Milford, April 9, 1886. Married Aug. 25, 1831, Nancy, daughter of William, Jr., and Huldah (Hood) Peacock, born in Amherst, Aug. 1, 1809, and died in Groton, Mass., Sept. 16, 1883.

## CHILDREN.

1. Huldah Ann, b. Oct. 29, 1832; m. Jan. 5, 1854, Joel W., son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Lovejoy) Hamblet of Milford, and res. there.
2. Carrie Sarah, b. Dec. 10, 1834; m. Dec. 25, 1860, Daniel Wells, son of John and Susan (Daniels) Burns; res. in Milford.
3. Nancy Jane, b. Aug. 20, 1836; m. Dec. 15, 1865, Abel Fiske, son of Amos and Eunice (Buss) Gutterson; res. in Vineland, N. J.
4. Lucy Maria, b. Apr. 13, 1838; d. June 18, 1861.
5. William P., b. Aug. 19, 1841; d. in Beaufort, S. C., Aug. 19, 1862.
6. Albert Freeman, b. Feb. 5, 1844; was a carpenter; res. in Vineland and in Seville, N. J.; d. in Seville, Sept. 27, 1889; m. Feb. 9, 1873, Cora, dau. of John A. and Louise (Boynton) Temple of Vineland.

7. Willmoth W., b. Sept. 28, 1846; d. Sept. 28, 1847.
8. Jason Thomas, b. Aug. 31, 1848; is a farmer and carpenter; res. in Shirley, Mass.; m. Oct. 23, 1871, Ida F. Boynton of Vine-land, N. J.
9. Harriet E., b. May 5, 1851; d. Sept. 16, 1854.

Charles L. Kendall, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Messer) Kendall, born in Dunstable, Mass., Feb. 17, 1842. Came to Milford from Nashua in 1867. Resides in the western part of the town, on a farm formerly owned by Nathan B. Gutterson. Married Feb. 25, 1867, S. Amanda, daughter of Alfred and Sarah (Blood) Lowd, born in Hollis, June 23, 1847.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Orville Romanzo, b. Sept. 13, 1869; is a farmer; res. with his father; unm.
2. Eva May, b. April 25, 1872; m. Nov. 29, 1899, Charles, son of Jeremiah and Susan (Elliott) Needham; res. in Milford.

Fred J. Kendall, son of Charles P. and Hannah E. (Farwell) Kendall, born in Tyngsboro, Mass., April 6, 1856. Came to Milford in 1882. Is a grocer. Was selectman in 1896 and 1897. Married Sept. 15, 1880, Clara J., daughter of Asa B. and Jane (Dunlap) Lyford, born in Lowell, Mass., May 4, 1854.

#### CHILD.

1. Pierce Bennet, b. in Milford, July 16, 1882.

Simeon F. Kendall, son of Jonathan and Phebe (Flint) Kendall, b. in Mont Vernon, May 29, 1829. Was a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1892 from Mont Vernon. Married Sept. 18, 1849, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Hazelton) Clark, b. in Derry, July 24, 1828. He died Oct. 17, 1895.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Frank Elmore, born in Chicopee, Mass., Aug. 19, 1850; is in the livery business; m. May 1, 1874, Sarah J., daughter of John D. and Jane M. (Wells) Armstrong of Amherst.
2. † Charles Edny, b. in Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 20, 1853.
3. † Edgar Irving, b. in Mont Vernon, April 11, 1868.

Charles E. Kendall, son of Simeon F. and Mary (Clark) Kendall, born in Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 20, 1853. Came to Milford in 1879, from Indian Orchard, Mass. Is a grocer and



grain and flour merchant. Married March 4, 1885, Alice Kate, daughter of Alvah and Alice W. (Carr) Dodge, born in Andover, July 12, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Alice Grace, b. July 13, 1886.
2. Marion Hattie, b. Oct. 4, 1887.
3. Lee Simeon, b. Dec. 11, 1890.
4. Ray Dodge, b. June 2, 1893.

Edgar I. Kendall, son of Simeon F. and Mary (Clark) Kendall, b. in Mont Vernon, Apr. 11, 1868. Is a lawyer. Came to Milford in 1892 from Mont Vernon. Married Sept. 23, 1896, Susan H., daughter of John and Sarah M. (Parker) Kimball, born in Dunbarton, Oct. 24, 1863.

## CHILD.

1. Mary Louise, b. in Milford, Sept. 17, 1899.

## KENNEY.

John Kenney, son of John and Martha (Nutting) Kenney, born in Salem, Mass., Jan. 20, 1837. Resided in Greenville several years, where he served on board of selectmen and on the school committee. Came to Milford in 1887. Has been deputy sheriff one term. Is a real estate broker. Married Oct. 24, 1860, Mary C., daughter of Caleb E. and Sophronia (Kimball) Bullard, born in Greenville, Jan. 3, 1841.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN GREENVILLE.

1. Frank Bullard, b. March 19, 1865; is a draughtsman; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Jan. 1, 1890, Faustina N., dau. of Royal E. and Hannah M. (Kimball) Otis of Deering.
2. K. Maud, b. Dec. 12, 1870; m. Jan. 5, 1897, Dr. William Henry W., son of Dr. William H. W. and Harriet M. (Twiss) Hinds; they res. in Milford.
3. Ivah Louise, b. Aug. 12, 1877.

Leland Kenney, son of John Kenney, born in Pittsfield, Me., Oct. 10, 1858. Is a painter. Came to Milford in 1886 from Lowell, Mass. Married Oct. 28, 1884, Annie, daughter of Henry W. and Sarah H. (George) Marvell, born in Amherst, Aug. 26, 1858.

## CHILD.

1. Sadie May, b. in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 10, 1885.

## KENT.

Frank P. Kent, son of Abel W. and Lucinda (Gould) Kent, born in Acworth, Sept. 8, 1835. Came to Milford in 1860 from Boston, Mass., and removed to Wilton in 1864. Now resides in West Medford, Mass. Is a grocer and provision dealer. Married Aug. 15, 1863, Mary E., daughter of Bradley and Mary M. (Bowers) Blanchard, born in Concord, Mass., Feb. 16, 1843.

## CHILDREN.

1. Minnie Bowers, b. in Milford, Nov. 20, 1864; d. in Wilton, July 13, 1873.
2. Edward Frank, b. in Wilton, Oct. 23, 1868; is a grocer; res. in West Medford, Mass.
3. Jessie Blanchard, b. in Wilton, Sept. 24, 1870; m. Sept. 28, 1892, John H., son of William H. and Louisa (Potter) Chute of West Medford, Mass., and res. there.
4. Bessie Lovejoy, b. in Wilton, Feb. 15, 1872.
5. Kitty, b. in Wilton, June 10, 1875.

George B. Kent, son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Julia (Snell) Kent, born in Hudson, March 29, 1853. Is a laborer. Came to Milford in 1878 from Nashua. Resided on place formerly owned by Ben Burt. Married Oct. 16, 1876, Eliza S., daughter of Gilman T. and Sophronia (Wheeler) Foote, born in Merrimack, Oct. 16, 1845.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Gilman, b. in Nashua, Sept. 3, 1877; is a laborer; res. in Milford.
2. Fred Augustus, b. in Milford, Oct. 20, 1879.
3. Carrie Alice, b. in Milford, June 11, 1881.
4. Nettie Eliza, b. in Milford, Oct. 20, 1884.
5. Florence Etta, b. in Milford, Nov. 21, 1888; d. in Milford, Feb. 28, 1893.

## KEYES.

Horace W. Keyes, son of Abner and Susanna (Barton) Keyes, born in Hancock, Feb. 18, 1816. Was a farmer and stone mason. Came to Milford in 1847. Resided on farm

formerly owned by Josiah Gutterson, first house south from the Osgood schoolhouse. Removed to Amherst in 1877, where he died July 17, 1889. Married (1) Jan. 23, 1845, Sophia K., daughter of Benjamin and Sally (King) Page, born in Washington, Vt., Oct. 23, 1819, and died in Milford, April 2, 1866. Married (2) Feb. 4, 1868, Ann Jane, daughter of David and Mary B. (Moore) Woolson, born in Milford, Sept. 1, 1829. Now resides in Amherst.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD, AFTER THE FIRST.

1. Alfred Page, b. in Hancock, Nov. 22, 1845; is a farmer, residing in Litchfield; m. Nov. 22, 1866, Hattie N., dau. of Porter and Mary (Holt) Wheeler of Amherst.
2. Ellen R., b. Feb. 18, 1848; m. June, 1868, Allen R., son of Joseph and Dorothy (Kirk) Hood, and res. in East Lempster.
3. Edmund P., b. Sept. 30, 1850, and d. Jan. 8, 1851.
4. Abbie S., b. July 23, 1852; d. Oct. 30, 1861.
5. Emma T., b. Oct. 30, 1861; m. Warren H. Dow; res. in Bennington, and d. there Dec. 5, 1883.
6. Annie S., b. Dec. 14, 1868; was a successful teacher in Amherst and adjoining towns for several years; now res. in Amherst.
7. Henry W., b. April 13, 1870; was a clerk for several years; m. June 12, 1894, Cordelia M., dau. of William and Annie S. (Hodgkiss) Melendy of Amherst, who d. March 22, 1895; he has since then rem. to Connecticut.

#### KIDDER.

Thomas K. Kidder, son of Ephraim and Betsey (Boffee) Kidder, born in Lyndeborough, June 9, 1817. Was a farmer. Resided where Martin W. Hall formerly lived. He died at the home of his daughter, in the village, Dec. 21, 1894. Married September, 1839, Olive, daughter of James and Azubah (Curtis) Hopkins, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 15, 1820, and died in Milford, June 16, 1894.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Hattie Frances, b. in Milford, Dec. 22, 1841; m. April 16, 1863, Charles E., son of Nathaniel and Susan (Duncklee) Stone, and res. in town.
2. Newell Porter, b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 18, 1843; is a cooper, and res. in Long Lake, Minn.
3. Abbie Jane, b. in Mont Vernon, Oct. 12, 1846; m. April, 1865, Charles G., son of Asa and Nancy (Crosby) Burns of Milford, and d. Jan. 20, 1866.

4. Mary Ann, b. in Milford, June 6, 1848; d. in Milford, March 25, 1868.
5. Eliza Ella, b. in Mont Vernon, June 7, 1851; m. April, 1871, Lorenzo Cutter of Milford, and res. in Webster, Mass.
6. Charles, b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 6, 1856; is a laborer; res. in Brookline.

## KIMBALL.

Caleb J. Kimball, son of Isaac and Lucinda (Tenney) Kimball, born in Greenville, May 7, 1817. Was a blacksmith, also manufactured knives and other edge tools. Came to Milford in 1841. Removed to Wilton in 1849, thence to Bennington, where he died Feb. 27, 1896. Married Nov. 11, 1841, Ruth B., daughter of David and Susan (Pollard) Felt, born in Temple, July 19, 1818.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Edward, b. Oct. 31, 1842; is an edge tool manufacturer; res. in Bennington; unm.
2. Emma Maria, b. July 15, 1844; m. Aug. 26, 1888, George L., son of Joseph and Julia (Willoby) Herrick of Bennington, and res. there.
3. Susan Athelia, b. March 23, 1846, and died Aug. 14, 1847.
4. Charles Herbert, b. Sept. 19, 1848; is an edge tool manufacturer; res. in Bennington; m. Jan. 29, 1873, Marietta J., dau. of William C. and Ann Jane (Woods) Wood of Bennington.

Solon Kimball, son of Joseph and Mary (Wilcox) Kimball, was born in Boscawen, Oct. 6, 1809. Was a carpenter. Came to Milford in 1848 from Lowell, Mass. Resided in the village, where he died Dec. 18, 1887. Married June 29, 1843, Fannie, daughter of Joseph S. and Judith (Davis) Hoyt, born in Warner, July 31, 1820.

## CHILDREN.

1. Joseph Hoyt, b. in Newport, April 30, 1844; his res. is unknown.
2. Sarah Frances, b. in Lowell, Mass., March 8, 1847, and d. in Milford, Dec. 7, 1848.
3. Marion Louisa, b. in Milford, July 13, 1850, and d. March 27, 1851.
4. Frank Selwyn, b. in Milford, March 19, 1855; d. Oct. 26, 1865.
5. † Willis Herbert, b. in Milford, Aug. 19, 1858.

Willis H. Kimball, son of Solon and Fannie (Hoyt) Kimball, born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1858. Is a mechanic. Married Sept. 10, 1890, Addie E., daughter of Frederick W. and



Emma J. (Hodgman) Dodge, born in Charlestown, Sept. 11, 1866.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mildred, b. July 19, 1892.
2. Frederick Solon, b. Feb. 7, 1894.

John Kimball, son of Eben P. and Mary (Bailey) Kimball, born in Dunbarton, May 21, 1830. Is a farmer. Came here in 1870. Resided on place now owned by N. K. Holt, on road to Wilton. Married Jan. 17, 1856, Sarah M., daughter of Daniel H. and Louisa (Mills) Parker, born in Dunbarton, Sept. 29, 1834, and d. June 20, 1900.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN DUNBARTON.

1. Mary Louise, b. Feb. 25, 1858; m. July 2, 1890, Rev. Arthur W., son of George F. and Helen M. (Bullard) Remington of Canaan, N. Y.
2. Susan Hulbert, b. Oct. 24, 1863; m. Sept. 23, 1896, Edgar I., son of Simeon F. and Mary (Clark) Kendall of Milford.

## KING.

William B. King came to Milford in 1812 from Washington. Was a clock and organ manufacturer. He went South in 1818 with Nathaniel Morrison, who had a contract for water-works to supply the city of Natchez, and died at Mobile that year. Married in 1802 or 3, Hannah, daughter of David and Phebe (Odall) Duncklee, born in Amherst, April 21, 1781, and died in Waltham, Mass., Jan. 27, 1855.

## CHILDREN.

1. Hannah Duncklee, b. Aug. 24, 1804; m. Feb. 20, 1823, Abel, 3d, son of Abel, 2d, and Rebecca (Ober) Spalding of Milford; res. in Milford, and d. in Hollis, Aug. 21, 1890.
2. Cynthia Smith, b. May 1, 1806; m. Dec. 2, 1824, Luke, son of Aaron and Phebe (Duncklee) Whitney of Amherst; res. in Saccarappa, Me., and d. there, Dec. 17, 1833.
3. William, b. 1808; d. unm.
4. Elizabeth Osborne, b. 1810; m. March 25, 1827, John G., son of Nathan and Achsa (Gilmore) Reed of Taunton, Mass.; res. in Saco, Me., and d. there July 23, 1830.
5. Sophronia, b. 1812.
6. Charles.
7. Caroline.

Of these we have no dates.



Thomas M. King, son of Mansfield and Rachel (Gorman) King, born in Amherst, Sept. 28, 1812. Was a blacksmith. Came to Milford in 1870, and removed to Derry in 1890, and died in Nashua, Aug. 18, 1894. Married Aug. 29, 1837, Charlotte E., daughter of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 30, 1819, and died in Nashua, March 17, 1893.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MERRIMACK.

1. Helen, b. May 23, 1840; m. Nov. 28, 1857, Isaac Corthell, Jr., of Merrimack, and res. in Derry.
2. Charlotte, b. Feb. 13, 1843, and d. Jan. 12, 1845.
3. Newton Marion, b. Sept. 2, 1845; was a cooper; res. in Nashua, and d. Nov. 18, 1886; m. May 26, 1870, Mary A. McKean of Merrimack.
4. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 23, 1851; m. Aug. 27, 1884, Isaac H., son of Isaac and Mary A. (Richards) Carlton, and res. in Milford.
5. Frank Pierce, b. Feb. 1, 1855; is a shoe inspector, and res. in Nashua; m. Sept. 30, 1889, Alice J., dau. of John and Fanny (Little) Murphy of Milford.
6. Emma French, b. Jan. 13, 1857, and d. in Milford, Dec. 31, 1863.

#### KIRBY.

Henry A. Kirby, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Veneas) Kirby, born in New Haven, Vt., Nov. 9, 1846. Is a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1865 from Tyngsborough, Mass. Married Nov. 28, 1866, Mary F., widow of Henry Haskell and daughter of Israel L. and Elizabeth (Hoyt) Worcester, born in Brighton, Mass., June 9, 1844, and died in Milford, Jan. 13, 1900, caused by her clothes taking fire from an overturned lamp.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Infant, b. April 16, 1869, and d. April 17, 1869.
2. Lillian Grace, b. May 29, 1876; m. Dec. 27, 1893, Jesse W., son of Henry J. and Lucretia T. (Colby) Tirrell of Weare.
3. Leonard Ray, b. July 2, 1883.
4. Alice Bertha, b. Sept. 30, 1886.

#### KITTRIDGE.

Edward G. Kittridge, son of Abner and Mary (Holmes) Kittridge, born in Pelham, Jan. 2, 1848. Came to Milford in

1876. Is a granite dealer, operating the quarry formerly owned by Capt. Peter Burns, and has a track from the Fitchburg railroad into the quarry. Married Sept 4, 1872, Laura A., daughter of George C. and Esther (Gowing) Webster, born in Reading, Mass., April 5, 1848.

## CHILD.

1. Edward Leslie, b. in Pelham, June 3, 1873; is a lawyer, and res. in Milford.

## KNIGHT.

Robert Knight, son of Ebenezer and Margaret (Peabody) Knight, born in Hancock, Nov. 5, 1800. Came to Milford in 1824. Was a manufacturer of furniture. Resided in the village where he died May 14, 1880. Married Sept. 2, 1824, Rebecca, daughter of Zebediah and Sarah (Farnum) Abbot, born in Andover, Mass., June 5, 1799, and died in Milford, Jan. 25, 1883.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Atalanta, b. Aug. 10, 1825; d. Sept. 6, 1825.
2. Renaldo Farington, b. Nov. 19, 1827; d. Aug. 24, 1849.
3. Atalanta Rebecca, b. March 6, 1830; res. in Milford; unm.
4. Edward Robert, b. Nov. 12, 1831; is a merchant; res. in Melrose, Mass.; m. Sept. 22, 1862, Mary P., dau. of Robert and Eunice (Nichols) Sargent of Melrose, Mass.

Asa Knight, son of Ebenezer and Margaret (Peabody) Knight, born in New Ipswich, Oct. 4, 1791. Was a miller and farmer. Came to Milford in 1838 from Hancock. Resided on a place in the mile slip, since deserted. He removed to New London in 1857, where he died Aug. 14, 1871. Married Feb. 6, 1817, Melinda, daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Stearns) Adams, born in New Ipswich, Feb. 8, 1790, and died in New London, Dec. 30, 1868.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN HANCOCK.

1. Ephraim, b. Nov. 1, 1817; was a teacher of mathematics for twenty-five or thirty years, was also a clergyman in his later years; res. in New London, where he d. March 4, 1878; m. April 20, 1847, Augusta B., dau. of Charles and Betsey (Buss) Crane of Peterboro.
2. Cynthia, b. Feb. 9, 1820; m. Nov. 3, 1844, Elbridge, son of Luther and Sally (Mooar) Hutchinson of Milford, and d. Feb. 15, 1897.

3. Ebenezer, b. June 28, 1822; was a farmer; res. in New London, where he d. Oct. 1, 1860; m. June 29, 1853, Mary, dau. of Rev. Josiah and Eliza H. (Bradley) Keely of Saco, Me.
4. † Addison, b. June 16, 1824.
5. Robert Judson, b. Dec. 16, 1826; d. in New Hampton, Feb. 16, 1851.
6. Francis Wayland, b. Apr. 27, 1829; was a machinist, and had the position of master mechanic of the Maine Central railroad; m. Oct. 4, 1854, Mary G., dau. of Matthias and Eliza (Wiggin) Haines of Wolfeborough; res. in Portland, Me., where he d. Aug. 11, 1888.
7. George Malcolm, b. May 24, 1831; is a farmer and carpenter; res. in New London; m. Nov. 14, 1855, Melinda, dau. of Timothy H. and Mary (Nichols) Adams of Enosburgh, N. Y.
8. Edward Boardman, b. Aug. 22, 1834; was a lawyer; res. in Charlestown, W. Va., where he d. Dec. 16, 1897; m. (1) Sept. 16, 1864, Hannah E., dau. of Nathan and Ploma Wheeler White of Newport; (2) Feb. 12, 1882, Mary E. White, a sister of his first wife.

Addison Knight, son of Asa and Melinda (Adams) Knight, born in Hancock, June 16, 1824. Was a manufacturer. Resided in Milford from 1844 to 1866, going to Nashua in the employ of the Jackson corporation. Returning to Milford in 1885 he purchased the place formerly owned by George W. Came, on road to Amherst, on which he made extensive alterations and repairs. He died very suddenly in a store in the village on the evening of Jan 4, 1887. Married Oct. 3, 1844, Margaret, daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Crooker) Chase, born in Londonderry, Jan 8, 1823, and died in Milford, Aug. 16, 1899.

#### CHILD.

1. Helen Annabell, b. May 28, 1848, and d. July 30, 1848.

### KNOWLTON.

#### ANCESTORS OF JOSEPH KNOWLTON.

1. Capt. William Knowlton sailed from the port of London in 1632. He was at least part owner of the vessel in which he sailed for America, and died on the voyage, probably not far from Nova Scotia, for a land surveyor, Alphonso Wells by name, in the employ of the Canadian government, brought word to the Canadian Knowltons, that when surveying land in

Shelburne, in 1839, he found an ancient headstone bearing the name William Knowlton, 1632. His wife's name was Ann Elizabeth Smith, and they had four sons.

2. William, Jr., the second one, born about 1615, married Elizabeth, and had six sons and one daughter.

3. Samuel, the youngest son, born in 1647, married Elizabeth Wilt or Witt in 1667, and had six sons and four daughters. He was a shoemaker. Resided in Ipswich, Mass. Being lame, was specially remembered in the will of his uncle, Dea. Thomas Knowlton. His own will is dated Jan 16, 1695.

4. Samuel, Jr., the first son and fourth child, born Nov. 2, 1672. Married June 26, 1736, Sarah Fellows. They had two sons.

5. Samuel, the elder, born 1737. Married July 9, 1759, Esther Dane. They had three sons and three daughters. Joseph, the second son and third child, born May 17, 1767, settled in Milford.

Joseph Knowlton, son of Samuel and Esther (Dane) Knowlton, born in Ipswich, Mass., May 17, 1767. Was a shoemaker. Came to Milford when a young man, and settled on land lying on west side of road to Amherst, house now owned by Mrs. Charles Wilkins, in the shade of the *Great Elm*, where he died March 7, 1842. Married Sept. 14, 1794, Fanny, daughter of Daniel, Jr., and Susannah (Abbot) Stevens, born in Amherst, Sept. 17, 1769, and died Nov. 25, 1834.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fanny, b. Aug. 19, 1795; m. Apr. 20, 1815, Francis, son of John and Alice (Millen) Lynch; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 27, 1856.
2. Nancy, b. Dec. 19, 1796; d. in Milford, Jan. 16, 1885; unm.
3. † Samuel Dane, b. Jan. 5, 1800.
4. Eliza, b. Apr. 4, 1801; m. Aug. 31, 1832, William, son of Ezekiel and Sally (Clark) Ames of Milford; d. in Needham, Mass., Feb. 29, 1872.
5. Maria Barker, b. April 1, 1806; m. Oct. 31, 1825, Joseph, son of Richard and Betsey (Kidder) Clark; res. in Milford, and d. Oct. 6, 1892.
6. Hannah Emerson, b. June 3, 1807; m. Aug. 23, 1831, George W., son of George W. and Sally (Warner) Came; res. in Milford, and d. Jan. 5, 1885.



7. Elizabeth Agnes, b. Nov. 5, 1809; d. Jan. 24, 1810.
8. Emeline Kinsman, b. Dec. 29, 1811; m. Sept. 2, 1834, Joshua, son of Joshua and Hannah (Burns) Burns of Milford; res. in Goffstown, where she d. March 19, 1884.

Samuel D. Knowlton, son of Joseph and Fanny (Stevens) Knowlton, born in Milford, Jan. 5, 1800. Was a shoemaker. Resided in a house built by himself near to his father's, where he died Dec. 23, 1877. Married April 1, 1824, Nancy, daughter of Amaziah and Nancy (Lovejoy) Shattuck, born in Pepperell, Mass., June 23, 1801, and died in Milford, Jan. 4, 1870.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet, b. Dec. 4, 1824; d. Feb. 27, 1825.
2. Samuel, b. Jan. 20, 1826; d. Nov. 20, 1826.
3. Caroline Shattuck, b. Oct. 2, 1827; m. June 23, 1852, John B. Bass of Quincy, Mass., and d. there July 25, 1890.
4. Nancy Jane, b. Sept. 7, 1829; m. Aug. 20, 1851, Elzaphan P. Brewer of Milford, and now res. there.
5. † William Matthias, b. June 4, 1832.
6. Alonzo b. Nov. 15, 1834; d. Nov. 29, 1834.
7. Harriet Alvira, b. Oct. 23, 1838; m. June 6, 1858, Andrew Fuller of Milford, and now res. there.
8. Mark Dean, b. Oct. 5, 1840; m. Oct. 5, 1864, Abbie Currier of Nashua; is a manufacturer of paper box machinery, and res. in Rochester, N. Y.
9. George Phelps, b. Aug. 11, 1844; m. March 12, 1868, Helena B. Gibby of Charlestown, Mass.; is a paper hanger, and res. in Cambridgeport, Mass.

William M. Knowlton, son of Samuel D. and Nancy (Shattuck) Knowlton, born in Milford, June 4, 1832. Is treasurer of a savings bank, residing in Milford. Married Oct. 1, 1854, Myra Jane Brown of Lowell, Vt., born in Morristown, Vt., Feb. 5, 1832.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Hattie Ella, b. in Lowell, Vt., June 30, 1855; d. in Chicopee, Mass., Aug. 13, 1856.
2. Isabel Maude, b. in Worcester, Mass., March 4, 1861; m. Oct. 12, 1886, Fred H. Goss of Milford, a shoe dealer, and they res. in Melrose, Mass., and have one dau., Helen Knowlton, b. in Melrose, March 23, 1890.



## LANCASTER.

Joseph Lancaster, son of Joseph and Mary (Gutterson) Lancaster, born in Newburyport, Mass., May 21, 1814. Was a grocer, residing in Milford all his business life, and died Aug. 26, 1871. Married Rachel Emmons, born in Boston, Mass., in 1817, and died in Milford, May 2, 1891.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joseph Henry, b. Jan. 2, 1842; d. March 7, 1843.
2. Abbie Emmons, b. Aug. 9, 1844; res. in Concord, unm.
3. Henry Kent, b. May 6, 1848; was a grocer; m. Nov. 9, 1869, Ellen L., dau. of William and Adaline M. (Sawtelle) Hall of Milford; rem. to Gold Hill, Nev., where he d. June 7, 1897.

## LANGDELL.

Elzaphan Langdell, son of Samuel and Caroline (Fisher) Langdell, born in New Boston, Aug. 20, 1834. Is a farmer, came to Milford in 1875. Married Dec. 26, 1859, Hannah C., daughter of John and Desire (Fuller) Loring, born in New Boston, July 14, 1841.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Aaron, b. in New Boston, Oct. 27, 1860; is a mechanic, res. in Milford, unm.; a member of the New Hampshire legislature in 1890.
2. † John Loring, b. in New Boston, Dec. 22, 1861.
3. George Clarence, b. in Francetown, Aug. 22, 1870; is a clerk, res. in Milford; m. Sept. 5, 1900, Minnie J., dau. of Cyrus P. and Abbie J. (Colburn) Colby, of Milford.

John L. Langdell, son of Elzaphan and Hannah C. (Loring) Langdell, born in New Boston, Dec. 22, 1861. Is a mechanic, residing in Milford. Married Aug. 1, 1885, Annie M., daughter of Charles E. and Mary E. (Smith) Steele, born in Milford, Jan. 13, 1862.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Louis Charles, b. Feb. 16, 1888.
2. Annie Maude, b. Nov. 16, 1889.
3. Eleanor Charlotte, b. April 15, 1891.
4. Loring, b. Oct. 5, 1895.

## LARRABEE.

George W. Larrabee, son of William and Mary (Jameson) Larrabee, born in Lynnfield, Mass., July 6, 1807. Came to Milford in 1859 from Auburn and died Nov. 28, 1881. Was a farmer, residing near the sawmill on road to Mason, one mile from village. Married May 10, 1835, Hannah A., daughter of Andrew and — (Adams) Leavitt, born in Marblehead, Mass., Dec. 15, 1818, and died Feb. 20, 1893.

## CHILDREN.

1. William Robert, b. in Auburn, April 3, 1847; is a machinist, and res. in Nashua; m. Dec. 17, 1895, Fannie Davis of Augusta, Me.
2. Frank Leavitt, b. in Saxonville, Mass., June 12, 1853; is a marble worker and res. in Nashua.

## LAWS.

Archelaus Laws, son of William and Abigail (Laws) Laws, born in New Ipswich, Nov. 1, 1805. Was a laborer. Came to Milford in 1846 from Sharon, and died Oct. 1, 1879. Married Nov. 12, 1833, Isabella, daughter of William and Betsey (Ellis) Hooper, born in Duxbury, Mass., Aug. 22, 1811, and died in Milford, March 3, 1881.

## CHILDREN, SIX BORN IN SHARON, AND THREE IN MILFORD.

1. Catherine Isabella, b. Sept. 11, 1834; m. Oct. 22, 1855, James B. Holland, res. in Waterville, Me.
2. Abbie, b. Dec. 22, 1836; m. April 30, 1857, Thomas J. Hale of Lawrence, Mass., and d. there July 8, 1882.
3. Elizabeth Ellis, b. Jan. 11, 1839; d. in Sharon, Sept. 13, 1840.
4. Elizabeth Ellis, b. July 23, 1841; m. July 17, 1862, Eben Johnson of Milford, and res. there.
5. William Henry Harrison, b. Feb. 16, 1844; is a carpenter, and res. in Winchester, Mass.; m. Aug. 24, 1871, Mary E., dau. of Isaac and Drusilla (Snow) Pierce of Boston, Mass.
6. † James Munroe, b. July 31, 1846.
7. Thomas Alonzo, b. April 15, 1849; d. May 5, 1849.
8. Mary Rodden, b. Dec. 9, 1850; res. in Tewksbury, Mass.
9. Louise Eldredge, b. April 5, 1856; res. in Lawrence, Mass.

James M. Laws, son of Archelaus and Isabella (Hooper) Laws, born in Sharon, July 31, 1846. Is a shoe dealer, resid-

ing in Milford. Married June 5, 1881, Fanny J., daughter of Samuel and Harriet M. (Sherwin) Moore, born in Windham, Vt., Aug. 1, 1843.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fanny Moore, b. April 2, 1886; d. Sept. 25, 1886.
2. Helen Moore, b. Jan. 16, 1888.

James M. Laws is a lineal descendant of Gov. John Carver, who came over in the *Mayflower*, being in the seventh generation in line of the Hooper family.

## LEASE.

Julian C. Lease, son of Rufus and Sally (Woolcut) Lease, born in Plainfield, Vt., April 7, 1848. Came to Milford in 1888 from New Boston. Is a harness maker. Married Nov. 29, 1869, Nellie C., daughter of Dennis and Julia A. (Howard) Vincent, born in Plainfield, Vt., Feb. 18, 1850.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lillian Clara, b. in Chelsea, Vt., Nov. 6, 1871.
2. Harley Clarence, b. in New Boston, May 5, 1878.
3. Florence Alma, b. in New Boston, Dec. 14, 1879.
4. Nellie Vincent, b. in New Boston, March 28, 1884.

## LEWIS.

Benjamin Lewis, son of Benjamin and Mary (Brown) Lewis, born in Billerica, Mass., May 6, 1753. Was a farmer, resided on the north side of Souhegan river, nearly up to Wilton line, now owned by Franklin E. Hutchinson. He was here before the incorporation of the town and removed to Greenfield in 1814, and died there Feb. 1, 1817. Married July 18, 1775, Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Brown) Blanchard, born in Billerica, Mass., Jan. 31, 1754, and died in Greenfield, Oct. 27, 1838.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1776; m. July 25, 1793, Jacob Richardson, b. in Billerica, Mass., Aug. 10, 1769, and d. in Greenfield, Nov. 9, 1839; she d. there Oct. 21, 1829.

2. Mary, b. Nov. 25, 1777; m. April 20, 1804, Solomon, son of Jonathan and Sarah (—) Davis of New Ipswich; res. in New Ipswich and Hancock, where she d. Jan. 14, 1809.
3. Benjamin, Jr., b. Sept. 21, 1779; was a farmer, res. in Milford; unm., and d. July 5, 1805.
4. † Asa, b. Sept. 14, 1781.
5. Cyrus, b. June 5, 1783; was a farmer, res. in Milford, and d. Oct. 15, 1813; no record of a marriage.
6. Charles, b. June 30, 1785; was a lawyer, res. in Malden, Mass., and d. there Aug. 7, 1865; m. about 1817, Elizabeth Hall, b. in Charlestown, Mass., April 11, 1787; and d. in Malden, Dec. 31, 1837; m. (2) Sept. 25, 1841, Sabra Jaques Warren, b. March 31, 1810, and d. in Malden Nov. 20, 1890. She was a member of the Board of Education in Malden for several years after his decease.
7. Hannah, b. July 10, 1787; m. Nov. 22, 1810, Henry, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Gowing) Carter, of Wilmington, Mass.; res. there and d. July 20, 1870.

Asa Lewis, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Blanchard) Lewis, born in Milford, Sept. 14, 1781. Married about 1806 or 7, Rebecca Davis; he resided in Concord, Mass., for a time, and returned to Milford, where he died March 1, 1810. She died Nov. 23, 1870.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Benjamin, b. March 23, 1808; m. Oct. 12, 1835, Harriet P. Adams, of Ashby, Mass., and d. Aug. 31, 1874.
2. Asa, b. March 3, 1810; m. Nov. 9, 1837, Abby H. Davis of Concord, Mass., and d. in Woburn, Mass., June 30, 1846.

James Lewis, son of Eleazer and Sally (Williams) Fish, born in Mason, July 3, 1819. Came to Milford in 1841, engaging in the manufacture of boots and shoes for many years with success, and later has been farming. Married April 11, 1847, Augusta P., daughter of Noah and Prudence (Wright) Shattuck, born in Groton, Mass., Dec. 25, 1824.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Herbert Milton, b. Feb. 4, 1848; is a merchant; m. (1) Sept. 9, 1879, Alice V. dau. of Dea. George F. and Caroline (Tonkin) Bartlett, b. in Milford, Nov. 2, 1854, and d. in Boston, Mass., Feb. 25, 1885; m. (2) Sept. 22, 1890, Alice Kate, dau. of Aaron C. and Sarah A. (Stevens) Vermouth of Bradford, Vt.; no children.
2. † Frederick James, b. Nov. 10, 1852.
3. † Edward Anderson, b. March 17, 1861.



Frederick J. Lewis, son of James and Augusta P. (Shattuck) Lewis, born in Milford, Nov. 10, 1852. Is a broker and resides in New York City. Married March 15, 1875, Annie J., daughter of George and Mary G. (Johnson) Blakeley, born in England, Dec. 11, 1852.

## CHILD.

1. George Shattuck, b. in Boston, Mass., June 10, 1876; is a provision dealer, and res. in New York City.

Edward A. Lewis, son of James and Augusta P. (Shattuck) Lewis, born in Milford, March 17, 1861. Is an engineer, and resides in Nashua. Married June 24, 1883, Anna R., daughter of William B. and Sarah A. (Kingman) Phelps, born in Boston, Dec. 22, 1868.

## CHILDREN.

1. Robert Edward, b. in Milford, April 22, 1884.
2. Marion Anna, b. in Nashua, Nov. 13, 1888; d. in Nashua, April 23, 1895.
3. William Garfield, b. in Nashua, May 29, 1895.

Jesse O. Lewis, son of George and Chloe (Crowell) Lewis, born in Whitefield, Me., Sept. 5, 1844. Was in the twenty-eighth Wisconsin regiment in the War of 1861, is now a Christian Science healer. Married June 24, 1873, Olive M., daughter of William and Eliza J. (Dorr) King, born in Chelsea, Me., Sept. 25, 1854. They came to Milford in 1887, from New Boston.

## CHILDREN.

1. Nellie Madora, b. in Chelsea, Me., June 30, 1875; m. Jan. 18, 1896, William H., son of John and Mary A. (Herlehy) Quinlan of Milford, and res. there.
2. Lucien George, b. in Charlestown, Mass., April 5, 1882.

## LIVERMORE.

Solomon K. Livermore, son of Rev. Jonathan and Elizabeth (Kidder) Livermore, born in Wilton, March 2, 1779. Was a lawyer, and came to Milford in 1809, from Dover, and died July 10, 1859. Married July 6, 1810, Abigail A., daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Taintor) Jarvis, born in Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 15, 1783, and died in Milford, Aug. 23, 1869.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Leonard Jarvis, b. April 15, 1811; d. Nov. 28, 1822.
2. Henry Lee, b. Aug. 3, 1812; was a merchant and res. in Baltimore, Md.; d. there Dec. 7, 1847; m. Nov., 1842, Mary M. Holly of Baltimore.
3. Thomas Atkins, b. Feb. 7, 1814; was a dentist and res. in Galena, Ill.; d. in Burlington, Ia., April 24, 1862; m. April 23, 1841, Harriet E., dau. of James and — (Harris) Smith of Dubuque Co., Ia.
4. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 22, 1815; d. June 13, 1817.
5. Elizabeth Abigail, b. March 28, 1818; res. in Milford; unm.
6. Rebecca Parkman Jarvis, b. Dec. 31, 1819; m. Aug. 24, 1841, Joseph C., son of Samuel and Lucy (Coggs) Manning of Baltimore, Md., res. there and d. in Milford, Oct. 9, 1886.
7. Leonard Jarvis, b. Dec. 8, 1822; was a clergyman, and res. in Cambridge, Mass., and d. there May 30, 1886; m. March 18, 1847, Mary Ann C., dau. of Aaron and Mary (Gilbert) Perkins of Groton, Mass.
8. Mary, b. Sept. 18, 1825; m. Sept. 4, 1849, Frederick L., son of Simon and Judith (Ryder) Fish of Fairhaven, Mass.; d. in Milford, Nov. 16, 1850.

## LORING.

Frank O. Loring, son of John E. and Maria D. (Burnham) Loring, born in New Boston, Jan. 20, 1853. Is a mechanic, came to Milford in 1883, residing in the village. Married Dec. 31, 1873, Sarah, daughter of James and Mary J. (Parker) Cristy, born in New Boston, Nov. 14, 1853.

## CHILDREN.

1. Walter Benjamin, b. in New Boston, July 15, 1876; is a veterinary surgeon, res. in the village; m. Nov. 15, 1899, Mary Roselle, dau. of Emri C. and Anna E. (Lovejoy) Hutchinson of Milford.
2. Edith Cristy, b. in Milford, July 17, 1885.

## LOVEJOY.

Jonathan Lovejoy, born in Methuen, Mass., April 5, 1754. Came to Milford in 1778. Was a farmer, residing on place now owned by John Mitchell, where he died June 3, 1830. Married July 31, 1777, Tabitha Upton, born in Reading, Mass., in 1751, and died in Milford, April 13, 1824.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Tabitha, b. Sept. 15, 1778; m. March 20, 1806, Edmund Harris of Reading, Vt.
2. Patty, or Martha, b. Dec. 25, 1780; m. May 22, 1806, Joseph, son of Job and Hannah (Hildreth) Colburn of Milford, res. there, and d. Nov. 13, 1823.
3. Phebe, b. Feb. 22, 1783; m. Feb. 16, 1804, Daniel (a cousin), son of Daniel and Abigail (—) Lovejoy of Wilton, res. there and in Vermont until his decease, when she rem. to Nashua, where she d. Sept. 4, 1871.
4. † Isaac Upton, b. March 10, 1785.
5. Chloe, b. May 8, 1787; was a milliner, res. in Milford and Nashua, and d. April 9, 1870.
6. Polly, b. Aug. 5, 1789; m. Nov. 8, 1821, David Gilson of Brookline (a Revolutionary soldier), he d. July 10, 1839; after his decease she m. a Mr. Fletcher, res. in Nashua, and d. there March 13, 1871.
7. † Jonathan, b. March 19, 1793.

Isaac Upton Lovejoy, son of Jonathan and Tabitha (Upton) Lovejoy, born in Milford, March 10, 1785. Was a farmer, and resided in Milford, where he died Dec. 13, 1831. Married in 1813, Mary, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Duncklee) Howe, born in Milford, Oct. 8, 1787, and died in Dunstable, Mass., July 24, 1855.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Twins, infant, b. June 17, 1814; d. June 28, 1814.
2. Mary Ann, b. June 17, 1814; d. March 26, 1815.
3. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 25, 1815; m. Oct. 15, 1856, Abel A., son of Marcus L. and Nancy (Tarbell) Farnsworth of Peterborough; res. in Dunstable, Mass., for some years, now res. in Worcester, Mass.
4. Jeremiah Upton, b. July, 1818, and d. Feb. 22, 1820.
5. Caroline G., b. Dec. 26, 1820, and d. Feb. 28, 1834.
6. Ann Maria, b. Dec. 4, 1822; m. May 5, 1846, Abel A., son of Marcus L. and Nancy (Tarbell) Farnsworth of Peterborough; res. in Milford until 1854, when they rem. to Dunstable, Mass., where she d. May 5, 1856.
7. Charlotte, b. Nov., 1824; d. Sept. 18, 1825.

Jonathan Lovejoy, Jr., son of Jonathan and Tabitha (Upton) Lovejoy, born in Milford, March 19, 1793. Was a farmer, residing in Milford, where he died Jan. 29, 1826. Married

Nov. 20, 1817, Sarah, daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Bailey) Willoby, born in Hollis, May 11, 1794, and died in Hollis, March 21, 1886.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Willoby, b. Dec. 14, 1818; d. Aug. 2, 1822.
2. Harriet, b. Nov. 1, 1820; d. Aug. 3, 1822.
3. Warren Keyes, b. Jan. 22, 1823; was a farmer and cooper, res. in Hollis, and d. there April 15, 1879; m. Jan. 1, 1857, Mary Ann., dau. of Jonathan Taylor and Anna (Blunt) Wright of Hollis.
4. John Euclid, b. Nov. 8, 1825, is a baker, and res. in Reading, Mass.; m. July 6, 1846, Mary Ann., dau. of Asa and Susan (McIntire) Avery of Nashua.

Samuel Lovejoy, son of Nathan and Apphia (Hoyt) Lovejoy, born in Pepperell, Mass., Aug. 24, 1757. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1783, settling upon the place since owned by his son, William, and his grandson, John, and now owned by Martin Finerty, in the western part of school district No. 5, where he died Nov. 26, 1841. Married about 1778, Elizabeth, daughter of William Elliot of Mason, born in August, 1757, and died in Milford, Dec. 27, 1844.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Stephen, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Nov. 17, 1779; was a blacksmith; res. in Hebron for many years; m. Sally Flint of Lyme; he d. in Milford, March 30, 1867.
2. † William, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 4, 1782.
3. Betsey, b. in Milford, April 12, 1786; m. March 6, 1806, Aaron Peabody, Jr., of Milford, and d. in Milford prior to 1815.
4. Pamela, b. in Milford, Oct. 13, 1789; m. May 21, 1817, Sodi, son of Elisha and Mary (Densmore) Sanderson of Lancaster, Mass.; res. there, and d. Sept. 3, 1873.
5. † Samuel, b. in Milford, September, 1798.
6. Abbott, b. in Milford, July 17, 1800; was a blacksmith; res. in Bristol; m. Nov. 29, 1824, Sarah, dau. of William and Susan (Melvin) Crawford of Alexandria; he d. in Bristol, Aug. 13, 1879; she d. there Feb. 9, 1900, aged ninety-eight years, six months, and eleven days.

William Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Elliot) Lovejoy, born in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 4, 1782. Came to Milford with his father the next year. Was a farmer and contractor. Resided on homestead where he died Sept. 22,

1871. Married June 11, 1811, Sally Fessenden, born in Lexington, Mass., Oct. 13, 1788, and died in Milford, June 15, 1876.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Pamela, b. Sept. 13, 1811; m. Jan. 26, 1832, Benjamin, son of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby of Milford; rem. to Peterborough in 1854, where she d. May 24, 1888.
2. Sarah, b. Sept. 26, 1813; m. Jan. 17, 1843, Joseph Osgood, Jr. (See Osgood family.)
3. Almira, b. June 3, 1815; m. March 18, 1833, Josiah D. Crosby, a brother of Benjamin; res. in Milford, and d. Jan. 6, 1893.
4. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 2, 1817; m. Jan. 19, 1841, John Lovejoy; res. in Milford.
5. Lucinda, b. Oct. 21, 1820; m. March 22, 1842, William B., son of Moses and Betsey (Bradford) Burns of Milford; rem. to Rutland, Ill., in 1856; she now res. in Boston, Mass.
6. Adaline, b. July 2, 1824; m. Dec. 9, 1843, Jonathan J. Gordon of Hebron; res. in town about thirty-five years, when they rem. to Newton, Mass., where she d. Sept. 17, 1898.
8. Maria, b. Oct. 2, 1826; d. Dec. 6, 1834.

Samuel Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Elliot), Lovejoy, born in Milford, September, 1798. He was a farmer and carpenter. Resided near the sawmill on road to Mason, about a mile from the village. Married April 9, 1818, Lois, daughter of Jeremiah and Phebe (Blanchard) Burnham, born in Wilton, Aug. 11, 1795, and died in Milford, Jan. 19, 1874. After the death of his wife he removed to Canaan and died there March 19, 1884.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Phebe, b. June 24, 1821; m. May 10, 1843, Israel H., son of David and Sarah (Putnam) Goodwin of Milford; he d. Apr. 6, 1860; after his decease she m. (2) William H., son of William and Lucy (—) Mention of Fitchburg, Mass.; res. there; she d. there March 19, 1872.
2. † Abial Abbot, b. March 2, 1824.
3. Edward A., b. Aug. 20, 1835; d. in Milford, Nov. 5, 1853.

John Lovejoy, son of Stephen and Sally (Flint) Lovejoy, born in Hebron, Feb. 24, 1815. Is a farmer, and resided on the place settled upon by his grandfather, Samuel, in 1783, until unable to labor thereon, when he removed to Milford.



Married Jan. 19, 1841, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Sally (Fessenden) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Nov. 2, 1817.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John Abbot, b. March 25, 1842; is a farmer; res. in Unity; m. July 3, 1865, Ella Richards of Milford.
2. Arthur Crawford, b. Dec. 9, 1849; d. Sept. 24, 1852.
3. Alton Crawford, b. Feb. 22, 1855; d. Sept. 24, 1859.
4. Fred Wendell, b. March 10, 1860; is a physician, and res. in Pepperell, Mass.; m. May 10, 1883, Julia E., dau. of Charles H. and L. Jane (Bickford) Wells of Canaan.

Abial A. Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Lois (Burnham) Lovejoy, born in Milford, March 2, 1824. Was a carpenter. Resided in Milford, Nashua, also in several other places. He returned to Milford in his later years, where he died June 25, 1896. Married (1) Oct. 3, 1846, Mary Jane, daughter of Joseph and Polly (Jewett) Osgood, born in Nelson, Feb. 8, 1827, and died in Milford, Oct. 2, 1876; (2) June 12, 1879, Roseltha L., widow of David W. Gordon, born in Milford, March 14, 1834, and died in Lowell, Mass., July 9, 1890.

CHILDREN.

1. Abbie Jane, b. in Milford, March 5, 1849; m. July 5, 1868, Henry A. Barker of Greenville; is a milliner; res. in Milford.
2. Anna Elvira, b. in Nashua, Nov. 28, 1850; m. Aug. 9, 1876, Emri C. Hutchinson of Milford.
3. Alice Edna, b. in Medway, Mass., June 12, 1854; m. Jan. 21, 1873, Frank E. Taggart of Peterborough, and res. there.
4. Mabel Emma, b. in Milford, May 19, 1858; m. Feb. 21, 1879, George F. Burns of Milford; res. in town, where she d. Dec. 19, 1888.

Dea. William Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy, born in Wilton, July 7, 1777. Was a merchant. Came to Milford in 1799. Resided in the village where he died Feb. 15, 1823. Married (1) Sept. 27, 1803, Esther, daughter of George and Jane (McQuaid) Burns, born in Milford in 1780, and died April 11, 1816; (2) Lydia, of whom we know nothing.

CHILDREN.

Several children by first wife, all of whom d. when very young.

1. Child by 2d wife, David, b. April, 1818, and d. May 6, 1818.



Henry Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy, born in Wilton, Aug. 16, 1781. Was a farmer, and resided in Greenfield until 1816, when he bought the farm formerly owned by George Burns, and now the residence of his grandson, Samuel A. Lovejoy, one mile south of the village, on the old road to Brookline, where he died Sept. 27, 1863. Married Jan. 12, 1804, Persis, daughter of Major Abiel and Dorcas (Abbot) Abbot, born in Wilton, Dec. 21, 1781, and died in Milford, Nov. 13, 1859.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Henry, Jr., b. Nov. 8, 1804.
2. † Samuel, b. Nov. 3, 1806.
3. Abiel, b. Dec. 14, 1808; d. in Milford, Dec. 26, 1822.
4. Lydia, b. June 18, 1811; d. Aug. 4, 1811.
5. William, b. July 22, 1812; was a farmer; res. on a part of the homestead, where he d. May 31, 1880; m. Sept. 9, 1852, Syrena, dau. of Nehemiah and Mary (Wright) Holt of Temple; no ch.
6. Jacob Abbot, b. July 23, 1815; d. Sept. 25, 1815.
7. Persis, b. May 13, 1817; m. Oct. 15, 1857, Eliphalet, son of Eliphalet and Dorcas (Abbot) Putnam of Wilton; res. there until Mr. Putnam's decease, and now res. in Milford.
8. Sarah, b. Oct. 13, 1819; d. Apr. 27, 1852.
9. Abigail, b. Jan. 13, 1823; d. June 8, 1852.
10. Phebe, b. Feb. 14, 1826; res. in Milford; unm.

Abiel Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy, born in Wilton, Oct. 22, 1787. Was a merchant. Resided in village where he died Aug. 27, 1852. Married (1) May 11, 1813, Susan C., daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (—) Wade, born in 1792, and died Aug. 25, 1840; (2) July 11, 1843, Emily Wheeler, born in 1802, who died Oct. 2, 1848; (3) March 12, 1850, Maria Searles, who died in Brookline, Mass., June 7, 1851; (4) Dec. 11, 1851, Alice E. Sumner.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William, b. July 4, 1814; d. Jan. 3, 1816.
2. William Wade, b. Sept. 20, 1816; d. in Concord, Nov. 27, 1872; unm.
3. Abiel Wells, b. March 17, 1818; d. in Milford, Nov. 10, 1857.
4. Susan Eliza, b. Sept. 17, 1820; m. Nov. 19, 1845, Hiram A., son of Joseph and Susan (Fisher) Daniels; res. in Milford, and after the death of Mr. Daniels, in Lynnfield, Mass.; d. in Amherst, Dec. 8, 1897.

Frederic Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy, born in Wilton, April 3, 1795. Came to Milford from Amherst in 1828. Was engaged in the staging business on line from Boston, Mass., through this part of New Hampshire. He died in Milford, Sept. 27, 1849. Married June 21, 1818, Pamela, daughter of Dr. Charles and Hannah (Burns) Tuttle, born in New Boston, Dec. 11, 1800, and died in Nashua, Dec. 17, 1863.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles, b. in Milford, June 18, 1819; is a grocer; res. in Lynn, Mass.; m. Jan. 1, 1845, Sarah S., dau. of Stephen and Susan (Griffin) Averill of Pomfret, Conn.
2. Frederic, b. in Milford, Apr. 25, 1821; is an expressman; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Nov. 1, 1844, Caroline M. Gleason of Nashua.
3. George, b. in Amherst, Jan. 21, 1823; was a mail carrier; res. in Crestline, Ohio, and d. there, April 29, 1890; m. (1) Nov. 27, 1845, Eliza Ann, dau. of Jonathan and Miriam (Tyler) Keyes of Wilton, who d. Feb. 2, 1847; (2) Nov. 16, 1850, Isabella S. W. Rowe.
4. Edward, b. in Amherst, Dec. 27, 1824; d. in 1826.
5. Caroline Maria, b. in Amherst, Dec. 2, 1826; m. (1) Nov. 25, 1846, Joseph M. Crosby; res. in Lowell, Mass.; (2) Nov. 1, 1851, Mark Twiss, b. in Amherst, and res. in Providence, R. I., where she d. May 23, 1890.
6. Harriet, b. in Amherst, Sept. 6, 1828; d. in Milford, March 18, 1831.
7. Mary, b. in Milford, July 26, 1830; m. May 28, 1851, George W., son of Joseph and Indiana (Burns) Dunklee of Milford, and res. there.
8. † Edward, b. in Milford, Aug. 22, 1832.
9. Harriet, b. in Milford, July 14, 1834; d. Sept. 10, 1839.
10. Anna P., b. in Milford, Aug. 22, 1837; m. (1) Dec. 17, 1859, George N., son of Simon and Rachel (Hagget) McGilvery of Nashua; (2) June 10, 1867, George, son of Joel and Lucy (Richardson) Avery of Providence, R. I., and res. there.
11. John Henry, b. in Milford, Jan. 31, 1839; is a printer; res. in Indianapolis, Ind.; m. Aug. 11, 1867, Harriet A., dau. of William A. and Margaret (White) Farnsworth of Liberty, Ind.

Henry Lovejoy, Jr., son of Henry and Persis (Abbot) Lovejoy, born in Greenfield, Nov. 8, 1804. Resided in New Hampshire, in Maine, in Massachusetts, and thence removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he died May 7, 1887. He was in

the electrotyping business with his son, doing a large and profitable business. Married (1) Oct. 19, 1832, Elizabeth Francis, born in Boston, Mass., in 1815, and died in Bangor, Me., Feb. 8, 1837; (2) Oct. 5, 1837, Melinda C., daughter of John and Welthea A. (Gorton) Wheeler, born in Bangor, Me., March 19, 1817.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Elizabeth, b. in Bangor, Me., June 21, 1835, and d. there Aug 6, 1835.
2. Dau., b. Jan. 4, d. Jan 18, 1837.
3. Henry William, b. in Bangor, Me., April 19, 1839; is an electrotyper, and res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. Feb. 19, 1867, Susan Caroline Felt, b. in Temple.
4. Elizabeth Frances, b. in Milford, Dec 24, 1845; m. Oct. 23, 1867, Abraham C. Prince, and res. in Bethlehem, Penn.
5. Persis Abbot, b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1858; m. Sept. 19, 1883, William E., son of Lubin B. and Abby A. (Abbot) Rockwood, b. in Wilton; now res. in Englewood, N. J.

Samuel Lovejoy, son of Henry and Persis (Abbot) Lovejoy, born in Greenfield, Nov. 3, 1806. Came to Milford with his father in 1816. Was a farmer, and resided on the homestead, where he died Sept. 26, 1881 (the result of a fall in his barn). Married Sept. 29, 1859, Nancy, daughter of Oliver and Susan (Smith) Wright, born in Milford, March 12, 1826; now residing in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Abby Elissie, b. March 17, 1862; m. June 1, 1881, Theron P., son of Moses B. and Persis A. (Varnum) Fisher of Francestown; res. in Methuen, Mass.
2. † Samuel Abbot, b. Nov. 2, 1865.

Edward Lovejoy, son of Frederick and Pamela (Tuttle) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Aug. 22, 1832. Residing in Milford until 1869. He was a merchant, and from 1861 to 1869 was postmaster of the town. Removed to Chicago and later to South Haven, Mich., where he now resides, engaged in fruit raising. Married Feb. 23, 1858, Dolly B., daughter of Daniel S. and Mary (Parker) Ames, born in Pembroke, March 25, 1833.

## CHILD.

1. Hattie E. —, b. in Milford, Oct. 31, 1859; is a teacher, res. in Chicago, Ill.

Samuel A. Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Nancy (Wright) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Nov. 2, 1865. Is a farmer, residing on the homestead, is also connected with others in quarrying and dealing in granite. Married June 1, 1891, Etta M., daughter of Edward E. and Francelia J. (Upham) Foster, born in Temple, Feb. 12, 1867.

## CHILD.

1. Henry Foster, b. in Milford, Dec. 16, 1895.

Charles Lovejoy, son of Samuel and Sally (Pratt) Lovejoy, born in Wilton, April 26, 1834. Came to Milford when a young man. Was a farmer, residing in the village where he died Oct. 2, 1888. Married July 1, 1865, Sarah F., daughter of Henry F. and Mary F. (Hubbard) Sanderson, born in Mont Vernon, May 26, 1843, and died in Milford, Dec. 21, 1893.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Emma, b. June 23, 1866; d. in Milford, Dec. 24, 1875.
2. Fred Charles, b. June 13, 1870; d. in Milford, Sept. 7, 1887.
3. Evora Florence, b. Oct. 9, 1871; m. July 31, 1897, Balfour L., son of David and Emily (Clements) Randall, res. in Milford; they have a son, Earle Lovejoy, b. March 7, 1898.

## LOWD.

Alfred Lowd, son of Mark and Hannah (Hale) Lowd, born in Weare, May 24, 1817. Came from Nashua to Milford in 1867. Was a farmer, residing on place formerly owned by Nathan Ballard Gutterston in the western part of the town. Married Jan. 2, 1845, Sarah, daughter of Willard and Sally (Blood) Blood, born in Nashua, Aug. 21, 1827, now residing at the homestead. He died Sept. 13, 1876.

## CHILD.

1. Sarah Amanda, b. in Hollis, June 23, 1847; m. Feb. 25, 1867, Charles L., son of Peter and Elizabeth (Messer) Kendall of Dunstable, Mass.; they res. at the homestead.

## LUND.

Jonathan Lund, born September, 1747. Married Priscilla —, born July, 1747. He died June 11, 1828. She died Jan. 22, 1824. They resided on a place in the east part of the town, afterward owned by the town and used for a pauper farm. Very little has been found relative to the family beside the names and date of birth of their ten children, who were born in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jonathan, Jr., b. July 25, 1771.
2. David, b. June 10, 1773.
3. Isaac, b. March 17, 1775; m. Sept. 15, 1803, Sally Griffin; d. in Cambridgeport, Mass., Oct. 9, 1842.
4. Hannah, b. Jan. 13, 1777; m. Sept. 24, 1805, Samuel Butler of Pelham.
5. Priscilla, b. Jan. 25, 1779; m. Nov. 8, 1803, Joel Lund of Dunstable, Mass.; they res. in Nashua.
6. Oliver, b. Sept. 21, 1781.
7. Mary, b. Aug. 6, 1783; d. Sept. 8, 1786.
8. Samuel, b. Dec. 11, 1785.
9. Ephraim, b. March 17, 1788; d. March 30, 1788.
10. Elizabeth, b. April 15, 1789; m. May 23, 1809, Presson Holmes.

Benjamin Lund, son of Stephen and Mary (Hardy) Lund, born in Merrimack, Sept. 9, 1818. Was a carpenter and wheelwright. Came to Milford in 1838, and removed to Nashua in 1859, where he died April 9, 1881. Married Nov. 25, 1841, Elvira, daughter of David, Jr., and Gisey (Burns) Dunclee of Milford, born Aug. 26, 1819. Now residing in Nashua.

## CHILDREN, ALL BUT THE FOURTH BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. May 16, 1843; m. Jan. 18, 1873, David Wadsworth, Jr., of Worcester, Mass., now res. in Manchester.
2. Sarah Jane, b. Nov. 4, 1844; m. May 1, 1864, Daniel C., son of Sumner and Adaline (Green) Wheeler of Townsend, Mass., they res. in Lowell, Mass.
3. John, b. June 17, 1846; d. Jan. 17, 1847.
4. Anna Maria, b. in Wilton, March 14, 1848, d. in Milford, Dec. 14, 1853.
5. Harriet Gisey, b. April 26, 1849; m. May 19, 1869, William E., son of Nathaniel and Almira (Rideout) Howe of Hollis, and res. there.



6. Abbie Sophia, b. Nov. 19, 1850; d. Feb. 4, 1852.
7. Charles Tyler, b. June 3, 1852; is an undertaker, doing an extensive business, and res. in Nashua; m. July 3, 1873, Vesta E., dau. of J. Parker and Hester R. (Lawrence) Nutting of Groton, Mass.
8. Frederic, b. March 16, 1854; d. Sept. 8, 1854.
9. Emma Lorinda, b. Sept. 12, 1856; d. in Nashua, Feb. 27, 1868.
10. Willie, b. Aug. 23, 1857; d. Jan. 14, 1858.
11. Frederic Crosby, b. Aug. 29, 1858; is a shipping clerk, res. in Nashua; m. April 1, 1880, Cora A., dau. of Jeremiah M. and Josephine A. (Holt) Holt of Windham.

### LYFORD.

Asa B. Lyford, son of David and Susan (Wells) Lyford, born in Calais, Vt., Feb. 19, 1826. Came from Tyngsboro, Mass., to Milford in 1882. Was in the grocery business for several years with his son-in-law, F. J. Kendall, now retired from business. Married April 19, 1853, Jane, daughter of Thomas and Mary B. (Averill) Dunlap, born in Antrim, June 17, 1831.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Clara Jane, b. in Lowell, Mass., May 4, 1854; m. Sept. 15, 1880, Fred J., son of Charles P. and Hannah E. (Farwell) Kendall of Tyngsboro, Mass., and res. in Milford.
2. George Cummings, b. in Antrim, July 22, 1855; d. in Lowell, Mass., June 13, 1862.
3. Mary Bishop, b. in Antrim, July 13, 1857; m. Feb. 8, 1875, Charles H., son of Jesse and Achsah (Cram) Combs of Antrim, and res. there.

### LYNCH.

Francis Lynch, son of John and Alice (Millen) Lynch, born in Mont Vernon, Sept. 16, 1790. Came to Milford in 1842 from Lyndeborough. Was a laborer, and died Nov. 3, 1864. Married (1) April 15, 1815, Fannie, daughter of Joseph and Fannie (Stevens) Knowlton, born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1795, and died in Milford, Aug. 27, 1856; married (2) Nancy Marvel of Mont Vernon.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Agnes Sophia, b. in Milford, Oct. 28, 1815; m. Aug. 15, 1838, David C., son of Constant B., and Mary (Cory) Rich of Moriah, N. Y.; d. in Lynn, Mass., Sept. 9, 1898.

2. † Alfred Joseph, b. in Milford, July 31, 1818.
3. Eliza W., b. in New Boston, Sept. 22, 1820; m. June 4, 1844, William H. Osgood of Milford; d. in Milford, Dec. 10, 1895.
4. Henry S., b. in New Boston, June 24, 1823; was a painter; m. April 14, 1854, Sarah Vanderveck of New York City; d. in Newark, N. J., July 17, 1888.
5. Alice W., b. in New Boston, May 5, 1825; d. in Lyndeboro, July 2, 1826.
6. Frank S., b. in Lyndeboro, June 6, 1827; was a salesman, res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. there March 15, 1886; m. Mary Hancock of Northfield.
7. Martha A., b. in Lyndeboro, Aug. 1, 1829; m. July 6, 1850, George P., son of Prescott and Mary (Spalding) Kimball of Wilton, res. in San Francisco, Cal.
8. Nancy M., b. in Lyndeboro, May 9, 1833; m. Oct. 5, 1857, Albert Chamberlain of New Boston, res. in Cottonwood, Cal.; d. in West Berkley, April 1, 1895.
9. Alonzo Knowlton, b. in Lyndeboro, March 9, 1835; is an oil merchant and manufacturer, res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. Oct. 19, 1859, Sophie, dau. of Ansel P. and Maria (Farr) Leshure of Lowell, Mass.
10. Herbert Theron, b. in Lyndeboro, May 3, 1838; was a carpet cleaner by steam; m. Mary Russell of Newark, N. J., res. there, and d. April 7, 1891.

Alfred J. Lynch, son of Francis and Fanny (Knowlton) Lynch, born in Milford, July 31, 1818. Resided in Providence, R. I., and in Goffstown, returning to Milford in 1856, where he died April 4, 1881. He was a painter and glazier. Married about 1842, Ann Huse, born in Providence, R. I., Oct. 12, 1825, and died in Milford, Dec. 14, 1884.

## CHILDREN.

1. Florence A., b. in Providence, R. I.; m. March 26, 1864, Frances A. Amsden of Milford; d. in the U. S. Army.
2. Clarence, b. in Providence, R. I.; d. young.
3. Fred H., b. in Milford; m. Ella Francilla, dau. of William, Jr., and Betsey (Hutchinson) Shaw of Milford, who d. Feb. 4, 1872, and the last known of him he was in the regular army of the U. S.
4. Harry C., b. in Goffstown, May, 1849; was a painter; m. Ella A. Wharf of Milford; d. Sept. 9, 1872.
5. George P., b. in Goffstown, March 23, 1851; is a painter, res. in Conn.; m. Eliza Young of Inverness, Can.
6. Cora J., b. in Goffstown in 1854; d. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1885.
7. Walter, b. in Milford in 1856; is a painter, and res. in Conn.; m. Mary Sherman of Magog, Can.

## MACE.

John Mace, son of Eliphalet and Lois (—) Mace, born in Fitchburg, Mass., in 1789, and died in Pepperell, Mass., June 5, 1865. Came to Milford in 1800, from Brookline, with his father. He was a harness maker, removing to Pepperell, Mass., in 1837. Married Fanny, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Hutchinson) Johnson, born in Milford in 1793, and died in Pepperell, Mass., May 11, 1859.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sumner Boynton.
2. William Pinckney, b. Aug. 28, 1827; m. Jan. 31, 1849, Sarah Ann, dau. of John and Jane (Varnum) Ames of Pepperell, Mass., and res. there.
3. Lois Averill, b. —; m. Oct., 1849, William A., son of Joseph and Sarah (Conant) Wilde of Acton, Mass.; res. there, and d. July 25, 1850.
4. Emily Johnson, b. Aug. 9, 1832; m. Nov. 13, 1851, Joseph Wilde, Jr., a brother of William A.; they res. in Pepperell, Mass., where she d. Aug. 15, 1859.

## McGAFFEY.

Frank B. McGaffey, son of Stephen A. and Caroline M. (Duncklee) McGaffey, born in Nashua, July 9, 1870. Came to Milford when a young man. Employed in the finishing department of the furniture manufactory. Married Sept. 21, 1893, Bessie A., daughter of Edward H. and Lizzie A. (Gassett) Shattuck, born in Peterborough, April 25, 1874.

## CHILD.

1. Dorothy Idella, b. in Milford, Sept. 9, 1897.

## McINTIRE.

Levi McIntire, son of Elias and Rebecca (Underwood) McIntire, born in Fitchburg, Jan. 10, 1804. Came from Lowell, Mass., to Milford in 1849. He was a farmer, in his later years resided in the village, and died very suddenly while in his field at work, June 29, 1876. Married Dec. 22, 1823, Mary, daughter of Nathaniel and — (Spalding) Tuttle, born in Stoddard, Jan. 2, 1804, and died in Milford, May 13, 1891.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Abigail, b. in Stoddard, Dec. 7, 1824; m. Sept. 1, 1846, Charles Weaver of Lowell, Mass.; they res. in Milford, where she d. Feb. 5, 1871.
2. Lucy Amanda, b. in Lyndeboro, Nov. 25, 1827; m. (1) July 15, 1845, Ezra, son of Samuel George of Franklin; (2) Charles Tuttle, and (3) Charles Needham, both of Milford, and d. May 25, 1897.
3. Rebecca Ann, b. in Lyndeboro, Oct. 14, 1830; m. Nov. 29, 1848, Richard H., son of Richard H. and Sarah (Haven) Pierce; res. in Milford.
4. Martin Dexter, b. in Chelmsford, Mass., Dec. 18, 1836, and d. there Dec. 29, 1836.
5. † Albert Henry, b. in Lowell, Mass., June 30, 1838.

Albert H. McIntire, son of Levi and Mary (Tuttle) McIntire, born in Lowell, Mass., June 30, 1838. Came to Milford when a boy of eleven years. Was a harness maker. Died Jan. 3, 1885. Married June 23, 1859, Mary Ann, daughter of Augustus B. and Mary A. (Emerson) French, born in Milford, Sept. 7, 1840, and died March 4, 1884.

## CHILD.

1. † George Albert, b. in Milford, Oct. 5, 1862.

George A. McIntire, son of Albert H. and Mary A. (French) McIntire, born in Milford, Oct. 5, 1862. Was for some years a shipping clerk, is now postmaster in his native town. Married April 30, 1885, Grace P., daughter of Stephen C. and Ann J. (Putnam) Coburn, born in Milford, Sept. 9, 1862.

## CHILD.

1. Ruth Marion, b. in Milford, Aug. 30, 1888.

## McLANE.

John McLane, son of Alexander and Mary (Haye) McLane, born in Lennoxton, Scotland, Feb. 27, 1852. Came to Milford in 1869, from Manchester. Is a manufacturer of post-offices. Married March 10, 1880, Ellen L., daughter of Eben B. and Lydia S. (Frye) Tuck, born in Milford, Aug. 9, 1855.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clinton Averill, b. Apr. 7, 1881.
2. Hazel Ellen, b. Jan. 9, 1885.
3. Roy John, b. Jan. 7, 1886.
4. Charles Malcolm, b. June 7, 1895.

## MAIN.

James G. Main, son of Mayhew and Irene (Norwood) Main, born in Rockport, Mass., Jan. 2, 1852. Came to Milford in 1893, from Nashua. Is a granite contractor. Married Nov. 20, 1879, Ella F., daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Bickford) Lougee, born in Mount Vernon, Me., Sept. 28, 1857.

## TWO CHILDREN, BOTH ADOPTED.

1. Jennie Irene, b. in Annisquam, Mass., Sept. 25, 1879.
2. Fay Velma, b. in Nashua, June 25, 1888.

## MANNING.

Charles L. Manning, son of Joseph S. and — (Colburn) Manning, born in Boston, Mass., June 2, 1852. Is a carpenter. Came to Milford when a young man. Married Jan. 27, 1876, Ella M., daughter of Edwin and Mary A. (Osgood) Willoby, born in Milford, June 27, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Eddie Charles, b. Jan. 17, 1877; d. in Milford, Oct., 1878.
2. Bertie Elmer, b. July 11, 1879; d. in Milford, July 26, 1897.
3. Harry Edgar, b. Aug. 16, 1882; d. in Milford, Jan. 23, 1900.
4. George Forrest, b. Aug. 13, 1885.
5. Charles Person, b. Apr. 8, 1888.

## MANSFIELD.

Royal Mansfield, son of Hollis and Shuah (Carter) Mansfield, born in Fryeburg, Me., Dec. 5, 1834. Came to Milford in 1862, from West Swanzey, and removed to Middleboro, Mass., in 1889, now resides in Ayer, Mass. Is a wood turner. Married (1) Dec. 25, 1854, Ruth E., daughter of Daniel and Ruth (Favor) Smith, born in Meredith Village, May 22, 1837, and died there Nov. 16, 1866; (2) Jan. 19, 1868, Mary E., daughter of Ephraim G. and Elizabeth (Woodworth) Lord, born in Somersworth, Aug. 18, 1832.



## CHILDREN.

1. Susie Augusta, b. in Bradford, Oct. 4, 1855; m. Oct. 4, 1875, Charles A., son of David A. and Sarah C. (Chamberlain) Whittier of Milford, and res. there.
2. Charles Febbins, b. in Bradford, June 10, 1857; emp. in a bakery in Chicago, Ill.
3. Shuah, b. in West Swanzey, Sept. 22, 1861; m. Nov. 22, 1884, Charles L., son of William H. and Mary (Foley) Towle of Nashua; res. in Boston, Mass.
4. Hattie, b. in Milford, July 19, 1863; m. Aug. 19, 1890, Benjamin C., son of James A. and Lizzie A. (Severance) Hamilton of Nashua; they res. in Watervliet, N. Y.

## MARSHALL.

Stephen C. Marshall, son of John, born in Hudson, July 8, 1789. Came to Milford in 1828. Was a farmer and carpenter, and resided on the farm now owned by Henry J. Wilson until 1854, when he removed to the village, where he died Sept. 16, 1866. Married (1) April 12, 1814, Sarah Andrews, born in Hudson, Nov. 9, 1788, and died in Milford, July 19, 1839; (2) Dec. 7, 1839, Susanna, widow of Oliver Wright, and daughter of Daniel and Ruhama (Cutter) Smith, born in Milford, July 11, 1792, and died in Milford, March 3, 1875.

## CHILDREN.

1. Stephen, Jr., b. Dec. 10, 1817; d. in Milford, March 6, 1840.
2. Deborah Ann, b. Feb. 29, 1820; d. in Milford, Oct. 25, 1848; unm.
3. Royal, b. June 25, 1822; d. Dec. 27, 1826.
4. Allan Andrews, b. Apr. 10, 1824; m. Mary J. Colson of Nashua; was a traveling merchant for several years; d. in Milford, Aug. 5, 1855.
5. Sarah Susan, b. Apr. 14, 1826; d. Dec. 25, 1853.
6. Frances, b. July 9, 1828; m. May 5, 1852, Henry, son of Oliver and Patty (Wright) Heald of Milford; d. Sept. 28, 1869.
7. Dorothy, b. Oct. 18, 1830; m. Jan. 5, 1860, Lorenzo, son of Timothy and Nancy (Smith) Gray of Wilton, and res. there.

## MARVELL.

John Marvell, son of John and Roxanna (Leavitt) Marvell, born in Amherst, Oct. 18, 1815. Was a farmer and lumber dealer, and died in Milford, Nov. 8, 1888. Married (1) June 12, 1838, Sophia, daughter of John and Sally (Peacock) Ober,

born in Amherst, Aug. 12, 1817, and died in Milford, Dec. 31, 1880; (2) Feb. 9, 1882, Janette, widow of John Dickey and daughter of Reuben and Lucy (Hutchinson) Hutchinson. She resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Martha Sophia, b. May 10, 1839; m. Dec. 11, 1869, Andrew L., son of John B. and Amy (Leavitt) Harris of Swamscott, Mass.; they res. there.
2. Susie Ann, b. Nov. 2, 1847; m. Oct. 1, 1867, Edgar A., son of George and Sarah (Melzar) Danforth of Amherst; she d. in Milford, Aug. 28, 1869.

James Marvell, son of John and Roxanna (Leavitt) Marvell, born in Amherst, April 7, 1818. Came to Milford in 1839, from Amherst. Was a mason. Married (1) Dec. 19, 1839, Almira, daughter of Asa Goodale, born in Hillsborough, January, 1818, and died in Milford, Aug. 4, 1846; (2) May 15, 1848, Hannah, daughter of Luther and Hannah (Wallace) Averill, born in Milford, Nov. 18, 1815. She died in Amherst, April 28, 1893. He died Jan. 6, 1872.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lizzie Almira, b. Oct. 26, 1840; m. Oct. 20, 1859, Isaac B., son of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson of Milford; d. July 18, 1871.
2. Hattie F., b. Sept. 25, 1842; d. Dec. 29, 1863.

George E. Marvell, son of John and Roxanna (Leavitt) Marvell, born in Amherst in 1821. Came to Milford in 1851. Was a blacksmith, and died in Milford, March 14, 1894. Married, 1843, Rhoda E., daughter of Joseph and Elsie (Ripley) Nichols, born in Bedford, June 21, 1826, and died in Milford, April 7, 1885.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Ellen Sophia, b. Sept. 12, 1844; m. May 2, 1863, Frank A., son of Aaron and Hephsey (Blood) Barnes of Milford; now res. in Nashua.
2. George Henry, b. 1846; is a painter; res. in Manchester; m. May 21, 1868, Susie Ellen, dau. of Levi and Almira (Cash) McConihie of Amherst.
3. † Charles Edward, b. July 23, 1847.
4. Clara Augusta, b. 1849; m. Feb. 22, 1871, Leonard C., son of Luther Holton.

5. Abby Jane, b. 1850; m. Jan. 4, 1875, George W., son of William H. and Emily I. (Wright) Nichols of Nashua; now res. in Salem, Mass.
6. Freddy D., b. in Aug., 1852; d. July 25, 1854.
7. Evans F., b. Apr. 12, 1855; is an engineer; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Oct. 16, 1872, Annie M., dau. of Owen and Mary (Kirby) O'Brien of Wilton.
8. Frank Rufus, b. in 1857; d. in Milford, Oct. 23, 1884.
9. Lizzie, b. June 27, 1859; d. Feb. 5, 1861.
10. Anabelle, b. Feb. 5, 1861; d. Feb. 9, 1861.
11. Willie H., b. Nov. 27, 1863; d. Jan. 2, 1864.
12. Philip Siegel, b. 1865; d. in Boston, Mass., Jan. 21, 1894.
13. William H., b. Oct. 1, 1866; is a clerk; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. July 20, 1884, Millie, dau. of Alexandra and Clara (Phemare) Fagnoot of Plattsburg, N. Y.
14. Josie, b. July 30, 1870; d. Nov. 16, 1870.

Daniel K. Marvell, son of John and Roxanna (Leavitt) Marvell, born in Amherst, Sept. 18, 1823. Came to Milford in 1843. Was engaged in livery business, and was deputy sheriff for several years. Married Feb. 28, 1843, Nancy H., daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Henchman) George, born in Amherst, Nov. 6, 1824. He died in Milford, Nov. 29, 1892.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Marcellus Morrill, b. in Amherst, Sept. 9, 1843.
2. Mary Henchman, b. in Milford, Jan. 11, 1846; d. Aug. 28, 1847.
3. † Henry Kendrick, b. in Milford, March 20, 1848.

Charles E. Marvell, son of George E. and Rhoda E. (Nichols) Marvell, born in Amherst, July 23, 1847. Came to Milford with his father in 1851. Is a mechanic, and has been fireward for several years. Married April 30, 1868, Mary, daughter of John and Mary (—) Driscoll, born in Somerville, Mass., May 1, 1854.

## CHILD.

1. Josie Woodbury, b. in Milford, Oct. 4, 1872; m. July 30, 1889, Fred D., son of John and Harriet (Glines) Blanchard of Milford.

Marcellus M. Marvell, son of Daniel K. and Nancy H. (George) Marvell, born in Amherst, Sept. 9, 1843. He came to Milford with his father when a few months old, and resided

there until 1880, when he removed to Manchester and thence to Providence, R. I., where he was a real estate broker. He died in Milford, Oct. 11, 1895. Married June 18, 1863, Emma A., daughter of Asa and Lavinia (Mills) Wetherbee, born in Mont Vernon, Dec. 6, 1843, and died Feb. 6, 1880. Married (2) Dec. 30, 1885, Sarah Jane, daughter of Ebenezer and Eliza (Read) Richmond of Providence, R. I., and resides there.

## CHILD.

1. Effie Colony, b. in Milford, Feb. 1, 1864; m. June 18, 1881, Andrew Judson, son of Andrew Jackson and Harriet (Daniels) Hutchinson. They res. in Milford.

Henry K. Marvell, son of Daniel K. and Nancy H. (George) Marvell, born in Milford, March 20, 1848, was a blacksmith and deputy sheriff, and died in Milford, June 14, 1893. Married Oct. 15, 1868, Ella M., daughter of Charles and Mary A. (McIntire) Weaver, born in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 10, 1849, and died in Hartford, Ct., April 13, 1891. Married (2) Aug. 1, 1892, Lizzie, dau. of Peter and Ellen (Foley) Cosgrove, born in Hartford, Nov. 3, 1859, now resides in New York City.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Winnefred, b. in Nashua, Dec. 26, 1871; d. there July 6, 1872.
2. Leonard Weaver, b. in Milford, Apr. 23, 1875; d. Sept. 1, 1875.
3. Bernice Henchman, b. in Milford, June 6, 1881; res. in Birmingham, Conn.

## MASON.

James A. Mason, son of Dexter and Abigail (Adams) Mason, born in Dublin, Dec. 21, 1832. Came from Dublin to Milford in 1860. Was a farmer. Resided on place near railroad crossing, on road to Wilton, now owned by Arthur A. Savage, where he died May 5, 1885. Married Nov. 14, 1853, Lydia A., daughter of Addison and Belinda (Emerson) Morse, born in Dublin, Oct. 22, 1834, and died in Milford, Jan. 4, 1893.

## CHILDREN.

1. James Addison, b. in Dublin, Jan. 4, 1857, and d. Feb. 12, 1859.
2. Willis Morse, b. in Milford, Jan. 21, 1865, and d. Aug. 27, 1886.
3. Flora Anna, b. in Milford, Sept. 7, 1868; is a teacher of elocution.

## MATTHEWS.

John B. Matthews, son of William and Mary E. (Howes) Matthews, born in Brunswick, Me., July 16, 1859. Is a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1890 from Nashua. Married Aug. 16, 1881, Ella Augusta, daughter of Cyrus H. and Mercy (Burrows) Colburn, born in Tyngsboro, Mass., Jan. 18, 1855.

## CHILD.

1. Grace Elizabeth, b. in Tyngsboro, Mass., May 21, 1882.

## MAY.

Napthali May, of whom we know no date or place of birth, was taxed in Milford, first in 1798, then each year until 1831, when he removed to Concord, Vt. Married Hannah, widow of Daniel Hopkins and daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (——) Steele, born in Andover, Mass., in 1772, and died in Milford, Apr. 16, 1830.

## CHILD.

1. † Daniel, b. in Milford, Nov. 21, 1799.

Daniel May, son of Napthali and Hannah (Steele) (Hopkins) May, born in Milford, Nov. 21, 1799. Was a farmer and butcher. Resided in Milford until 1831, when he removed to Concord, Vt., thence to Needham, Mass., where he died July 22, 1870. Married Sept. 11, 1823, Clara, daughter of Jonathan and Sybil (Sawtell) Farwell, born in Groton, Mass., May 16, 1802, and died in Hudson, Mass., March 13, 1887.

## CHILDREN, FOUR BORN IN MILFORD AND FOUR IN CONCORD, VT.

1. Daniel Edward, b. Feb. 21, 1824; d. Feb. 11, 1843.
2. Caroline Augusta, b. July 11, 1826; m. May 7, 1850, Augustus, son of William and Sally (Johnson) Eaton, of Needham, Mass.; res. there, and d. Jan. 30, 1854.
3. Benjamin Dexter, b. July 22, 1828; is a butcher and shoemaker; res. in Needham, Mass.; unm.
4. Hannah Elizabeth, b. Jan. 2, 1831; res. in Needham, Mass.; unm.
5. Lucy Ann, b. Apr. 2, 1833; was a teacher; died in Texas, Oct. 10, 1860.
6. Henry Farwell, b. Aug., 1836; is a shoemaker and res. in Hudson, Mass.; m. Aug. 21, 1865, Clara M., dau. of Thomas and Mirandy (Dewing) Kingsbury, of Needham, Mass.



7. Diantha Maria, b. July 19, 1839; res. in Needham, and d. there Dec. 25, 1866; unm.
8. Albert Silas, b. Dec. 26, 1842; is a farmer and carpenter and res. in Calopell, Wash.; m. Dec. 7, 1871, Hattie E., dau. of William and Mary H. (Roberts) Chase, of North Berwick, Me.

### MELENDY.

Thomas Melendy, Jr., son of Thomas and Sally (Tay) Melendy, born in Brookline, Feb. 19, 1810. Came from Amherst in 1856, and removed to Nashua in 1866. Resided in house first north of stone bridge, built by Zebediah Holt in the early part of the century, and owned and operated the sawmill a few rods below said bridge. Married, 1, Apr. 2, 1835, Mary, daughter of Samuel P. Badger, born in Lyndeborough, Oct. 28, 1810, and died in Milford, June 12, 1857. Married, 2, Dec. 10, 1857, Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer and Abia (Fiske) Rideout, born in Hollis, Feb. 5, 1822. Now resides in Nashua.

### CHILDREN.

1. Charles Henry, b. in Amherst, Feb. 16, 1836, and d. Dec. 19, 1887.
2. Mary Ann, b. in Amherst, Dec. 20, 1837, and d. in Milford, Nov. 20, 1857.
3. Henry Harrison, b. in Amherst, Feb. 18, 1840; was a retail lumber dealer; res. in Nashua, and d. Apr. 8, 1886; m. Jan. 16, 1867, Mattie E., dau. of Levi and Sarah A. (Libbey) Barker, of Candia.
4. Hervey Draper, b. in Brookline, Jan. 14, 1842; is a draughtsman, res. in Nashua; m. Nov. 1, 1865, Caroline M., dau. of William, Jr., and Caroline L. (Putnam) Darracott, of Milford.
5. Charles Fritz, b. in Brookline, Dec. 31, 1844; is a lumberman, res. in Temple; m. Jan. 3, 1891, Eva D., dau. of Nathan C. and Sally (Willoby) Hutchinson, of Milford.

Lorenzo P. Melendy, son of Richard and Polly (Tay) Melendy, born in Brookline, Oct. 26, 1814. Was a farmer. Resided on homestead in Brookline until 1867, when he came to Milford. Resided on place now owned by his son, John P. Melendy, and later removed to the village, where he died, Oct. 18, 1899. Married May 29, 1838, Mary M., daughter of David and Elizabeth (Melendy) (Kidder) Williams, born in Amherst, Nov. 25, 1804, and died in Milford, July 3, 1870.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN BROOKLINE.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. June 19, 1842; res. in Milford; unm.
2. † Georgo Lorenzo, b. Feb. 12, 1845.
3. † John Parker, b. Nov. 7, 1848.

George L. Melendy, son of Lorenzo P. and Mary M. (Williams) Melendy, born in Brookline, Feb. 12, 1845, was engaged in grocery trade for several years, and later has been employed in Nashua as a bookkeeper; now resides again in Milford. Married March 18, 1871, Adelaide E., daughter of Benjamin E. and Almira (Vinton) Burpee, born in New London, July 23, 1842. She died in Milford, June 23, 1883.

## CHILD.

1. Jesse George, b. in Milford, Sept. 30, 1877; is a student.

John P. Melendy, son of Lorenzo P. and Mary M. (Williams) Melendy, born in Brookline, Nov. 7, 1848, came to Milford with his father in 1867. Is a farmer; also raises poultry and eggs. Resides on place in south part of the town formerly owned by Daniel Johnson, Jr. Married Feb. 24, 1873, Lizzie, daughter of Hacks and Maggie (——) McLein, born in Nova Scotia, July 6, 1856.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Etta, b. Jan. 28, 1874; m. Apr. 12, 1894, Charles, son of Farley and Mary (Shattuck) Wilkins, of Brookline; res. there, and d. July 10, 1900.
2. Frank Lorenzo, b. Apr. 21, 1875; m. Apr. 21, 1893, Hattie W. Haynes, a widow, dau. of Farley and Mary (Shattuck) Wilkins, of Brookline. He is a teamster and quarryman.
3. Jennie Elizabeth, b. June 19, 1878; m. Oct. 23, 1895, Vascoe H. Plummer, of Nashua, son of Harrison and Sarah M. (Batchelder) Plummer.
4. Harry Webster, b. Feb. 26, 1880.
5. John McLane, b. Feb. 18, 1884.
6. Ethel Frances, b. Nov. 7, 1886.
7. Kate Louise, b. Apr. 11, 1890.

John B. Melendy, son of Charles and Nancy (Smith) Melendy, born in Amherst, March 24, 1838. Was a farmer; now a granite dealer. Came to Milford in 1860, and lived on farm owned by Freeman Hutchinson. Later he removed to the village, where he now resides. Married Dec. 25, 1860, Lydia

A., daughter of Freeman and Mary J. (Lancaster) Hutchinson, born in Milford, May 29, 1837.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lillie Jane, b. Apr. 25, 1870; m. May 20, 1897, Arthur E., son of George and Sarah C. (Fuller) Watkins, of Boston, Mass. They res. in Arlington, Mass.
2. Chester Freeman, b. July 7, 1880.

Fred H. Melendy, son of Albert B. and Rowena J. (Buxton) Melendy, born in Wilton, Apr. 18, 1863. Came to Milford in 1888. Is a mechanic. Married Oct. 1, 1888, Jennie S., daughter of Joseph C. and Sarah H. (Brockway) Currier, born in Bradford, Nov. 24, 1845. No children.

Harry A. Melendy, son of Albert B. and Rowena J. (Buxton) Melendy, born in Wilton, Jan. 24, 1868. Is a farmer. Married May 28, 1890, Anna S., daughter of Robert A. and Hannah B. (Chase) Clark, born in Milford, Jan. 16, 1862.

CHILD.

1. Annabel Hazel, b. in Milford, Dec. 24, 1892.

MELZAR.

Abraham Melzar, born in Marblehead, Mass., Oct. 31, 1783. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1805, and resided on the place now owned by Eli S. Burns, and in some other parts of the town, and died in Hudson, Feb. 13, 1864. Married Sept. 6, 1808, Lovisa Jones, born in Hillsborough, Sept. 16, 1787, and died in Milford, July 7, 1850.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah, b. July 27, 1810; m. May 2, 1828, George, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Fasset) Danforth, of Amherst; res. there, and d. Oct. 30, 1882.
2. Sophia, b. Dec. 9, 1812; d. Nov. 8, 1834.
3. Catherine, b. March 12, 1815; d. July 6, 1820.
4. † Ezra Fiske, b. Feb. 9, 1817.
5. Adaline Jones, b. June 20, 1819; d. in Hudson, 1866.
6. Catherine Almira, b. June 9, 1821; m. March 18, 1840, Nathan Marshall, of Cliftondale, Mass.; res. there, and d. Sept. 3, 1897.
7. Ann, b. July 21, 1823; d. Dec. 2, 1828.
8. Harriet, b. Aug. 24, 1825; m. Feb. 11, 1845, Xenophon E., son of Ebenezer and Lovia (Holden) Mills, of Milford, and res. there.

9. Josephine, b. Jan. 1, 1828; m. Dec. 7, 1848, Kendall M., son of William and Rhoda (Barker) Gray, of Hancock. She res. in Milford.
10. Joanna, b. Feb. 22, 1830, and d. Dec. 6, 1839.

Ezra F. Melzar, son of Abraham and Lovisa (Jones) Melzar, born in Milford, Feb. 9, 1817. Was a farmer. Resided in Lyndeborough for many years. Returned to Milford in 1865, and died Feb. 1, 1892. Married Nov. 22, 1855. Susan E., daughter of James and Eliza (Goodwin) Pearson, born in Lyndeborough, Apr. 22, 1839, and died in Milford, Apr. 24, 1893.

## CHILD.

1. † James Pearson, b. in Lyndeborough, Aug. 15, 1860.

James Pearson Melzar, son of Ezra F. and Susan E. (Pearson) Melzar, born in Lyndeborough, Aug. 15, 1860. Is a printer. Came to Milford in 1865 with his father. Married Nov. 28, 1889, Mary E., daughter of William H. and Martha J. (Stanhope) Young, born in Brunswick, N. Y., Apr. 10, 1863.

## CHILD.

1. Henry Pearson, b. in Milford, Aug. 4, 1893.

## MERRILL.

Nathan Merrill, son of Nathan and Mary (—) Merrill, born in Concord, Mass., Jan. 21, 1763. Enlisted in the Revolutionary army at 16 years of age, came to Milford in 1788 from Concord, Mass., and settled on the place now owned by his grandson, Nathan Merrill, where he died March 13, 1846. Married (1) Jan. 21, 1788, Susan, daughter of David and — (Lane) Bacon, b. in Bedford, Mass., Jan. 18, 1765, and died in Milford, Sept. 26, 1831; (2) Dec. 25, 1832, Mary, widow of Isaac Spalding and daughter of Jacob and Mary (Pearsons) Flinn, b. in Milford, July 25, 1779, and died in Wilton, Feb. 24, 1856.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nathan, Jr., b. Oct. 5, 1788; was a farmer; res. in New Boston, where he d. Feb. 28, 1847; m. Nov. 2, 1811, Rebecca, dau. of Jonathan and Dolly (Jenkins) Foster of Ashby, Mass.
2. Susan, b. June 17, 1791; m. Oct. 20, 1812, Henry, son of Timothy and Ruth (Burnham) Gray of Wilton; res. there and d. Apr. 17, 1868.



3. † Asa, b. Jan. 17, 1794.

4. Joshua, b. March 17, 1802; rem. to Lowell when a young man and was a very successful teacher in the public schools of the place for a long series of years; his later years were spent in a bookstore; m. Oct. 12, 1830, Alvira, dau. of Ezekiel Dow of Plaistow, and d. Nov. 9, 1889.

Asa Merrill, son of Nathan and Susan (Bacon) Merrill, born in Milford, Jan. 17, 1794, was a farmer. Resided on the homestead where he died Jan. 6, 1879. Married Nov. 14, 1816, Fanny, daughter of James and Susanna (Knight) Steele, born in Woburn, Mass., Nov. 7, 1795, and died in Milford, July 22, 1872.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fanny, b. Apr. 25, 1821; a retired dressmaker; res. on the homestead; unm.
2. Susan, b. March 12, 1823; m. Feb. 3, 1857, Dr. Joseph D. Mansfield of Wakefield, Mass., and res. there.
3. Nathan, b. Jan. 19, 1825; res. in Reading, Mass.; about 15 years engaged in teaming; returned to Milford in 1861; res. on the homestead, was engaged in lumber trade for several years, later has owned and operated a granite quarry; he is unm.
4. † Calvin, b. Jan. 13, 1827.
5. † Henry, b. Jan. 25, 1829.
6. Harriet, b. Aug. 13, 1831, and d. July 1, 1833.
7. Mary Elizabeth, b. Apr. 28, 1834, is a milliner; res. in Boston, Mass.; unm.
8. Rhoda Matilda, b. Nov. 25, 1836; m. Apr. 25, 1859, David, son of David and Jane (Smith) Boynton of Lowell, Mass., and d. there Oct. 31, 1859.

Calvin Merrill, son of Asa and Fanny (Steele) Merrill, born in Milford, Jan. 13, 1827, was a lumber merchant. Resided near the village on road to Mason. Married May 26, 1857, Lizzie M., daughter of Daniel and Martha (Aiken) Wheeler, born in Amherst, Oct. 8, 1831. He died in Milford, July 23, 1898.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † John Calvin, b. Apr. 6, 1859.
2. Hattie Elizabeth, b. May 30, 1863; m. Sept. 17, 1884, Walter H., son of Rev. John Q. A. and Emily (Heald) Ware of Milford and res. there.
3. † Arthur Wheeler, b. Dec. 20, 1868.
4. † Walter Brooks, b. July 21, 1873.



Henry Merrill, son of Asa and Fanny (Steele) Merrill, born in Milford, Jan. 25, 1829. Is a farmer, retired from active labors because of ill health. When a young man resided in Winchester, Mass., returned to the homestead in 1855, removed to Wilton in 1861, then to Washington. Was superintendent of a large estate several years. He returned to Wilton, thence to Pepperell, Mass., in 1876, where he now resides. Married Oct. 30, 1855, Mary J., daughter of Sewall and Rheny (Mace) Fletcher, born in Amherst, Sept. 29, 1833.

## CHILDREN.

1. Delia Badger, b. in Milford, Nov. 14, 1856; m. Apr. 29, 1876, George F., son of Samuel and Harriet (Newman) Gove of Antrim.
2. Mary Rhoda, b. in Milford, Apr. 28, 1860; m. Nov. 27, 1884, Arthur A., son of Henry and Julia Ann (Dow) Train of Fitchburg, Mass., and res. there.
3. Frank Henry, b. in Washington, Aug. 10, 1866; is a bookkeeper; res. in Pepperell, Mass.; m. Nov. 2, 1892, Maud, dau. of Augustus F. and Nelly (Sanborn) Dobbins of West Jonesport, Me.
4. Clara Ellen, b. in Washington, Feb. 13, 1875; is a milliner; res. in Fitchburg, Mass.

John C. Merrill, son of Calvin and Lizzie M. (Wheeler) Merrill, born in Milford, April 6, 1859. Is a coal and grain merchant. Married Jan. 1, 1895, Addie C., daughter of John and Charlotte (Pierce) French, born in Brookline, Feb. 20, 1872.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edwin French, b. July 18, 1898.
2. Russell Bernard, b. Feb. 19, 1900.

Arthur W. Merrill, son of Calvin and Lizzie M. (Wheeler) Merrill, born in Milford, Dec. 20, 1868. is a coal and grain merchant with his brother, John C., under the firm name of Merrill Bros. Married Sept. 10, 1891, Grace E., daughter of Porter C. and Abbie J. (Colburn) Colby, born in Nashua, Oct. 6, 1870.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lila Fanny, b. Oct. 2, 1892.
2. Leonard Colby, b. July 8, 1895.
3. Lester Nathan, b. May 21, 1897.
4. Maurice Calvin, b. Aug. 13, 1898.

Walter B. Merrill, son of Calvin and Lizzie M. (Wheeler) Merrill, born in Milford, July 21, 1873. Resides on homestead with his mother. Is in the poultry and egg raising business. Married Dec. 14, 1897, Alice G., daughter of Charles A. and Dolly B. (Gardner) Riddle, born in Amherst, Dec. 8, 1869, and died in Milford, Nov. 26, 1898.

## CHILD.

1. Sherman Rodney, b. in Milford Oct. 15, 1898.

J. Lewis Merrill, son of Nathaniel and Huldah (Rogers) Merrill, born in Hebron, Me., Nov. 3, 1843. Was a teacher several years, and was principal of the Milford High school the fall and winter terms of 1870 and 1871, was afterwards a clergyman, and died in Arlington, Mass., June 20, 1880. Married June 2, 1872, Jennie N., daughter of Addison and Jane E. (French) Heald, born in Marion, Ohio, July 5, 1853, and now resides in Milford.

## CHILD.

1. Quincy Heald, b. in Milford, Sept. 24, 1874; is a physician and res. in Leominster, Mass.; m. Apr. 18, 1900, Mabel A., dau. of Thomas and Mary A. (Gray) Winters of Milford.

## MESSER.

Alvin I. Messer, son of Isaac and Tirza (Hurd) Messer, born in Goshen, April 6, 1856. Came to Milford in 1888 from New London. Married Oct. 10, 1888, Susie J., daughter of Eben and Elizabeth A. (Worcester) Blanchard, born in Milford, April 26, 1868. They reside on the place formerly owned by Israel L. Worcester, on the north slope of Federal hill.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lizzie Jane, b. Sept. 7, 1889.
2. Harvey Waldo, b. May 18, 1893.
3. Lillian Grace, b. Apr. 28, 1899.

## MILLS.

Ebenezer Mills, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Upton) Mills, born in Mont Vernon, Aug. 4, 1792, was a carpenter.

Resided in Grafton, Vt., until 1845, when he came to Milford, where he died March 1, 1867. Married (1) Jan. 7, 1816, Lovisa P. Holden, born in Brookline, Aug. 2, 1792, and died in Grafton, Vt., June 28, 1829; (2) Jan. 10, 1830, Fanny, daughter of Robert and Annie (Gibson) Park, born in Grafton, Vt., Nov. 29, 1797, and died in Milford, Aug. 8, 1864.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN GRAFTON, VT.

1. Alphonso T., b. July, 1816, and d. June 5, 1818.
2. Ebenezer U., b. Feb. 23, 1818; m. Sarah Stevens of Boston, Mass., and d. June 12, 1882.
3. Maria A., b. Feb. 15, 1819; m. Lucius Woodward of Jamaica, Vt., and d. Dec. 24, 1892.
4. Hannah D., b. Oct. 16, 1820; m. John McIntire, and d. Apr. 10, 1884.
5. John F., b. June 27, 1822; m. Sarah Dudley of Newton, and d. Apr. 9, 1876.
6. † Xenophon E., b. Oct. 10, 1823.
7. Marian L., b. June 28, 1825, and d. June 9, 1829.
8. Corydon S., b. Nov. 10, 1826. Killed by the sliding of Uba Mountain, Cal., where he was digging gold, Jan. 22, 1858.
9. Louisa, b. Jan. 2, 1829, and d. March 5, 1832.
10. † John A., b. Dec. 14, 1830.
11. George E., b. Oct. 27, 1833; is a manufacturer of soda fountains; res. in West Medford, Mass.; m. Aug. 22, 1860, Frances, dau. of James and Mary Jane (Patch) Hopkins of Mont Vernon.
12. Henry M., b. Dec. 28, 1837, is a cotton manufacturer; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Aug. 20, 1860, Nellie, dau. of Joseph and Adaline R. (Hale) Jewell of Nashua.

Ezekiel Mills, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Upton) Mills, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 22, 1800. Was a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1831, and died June 28, 1881. He was appointed collector of taxes in 1860, and served in that capacity for fourteen years. Married Dec. 9, 1827, Betsey Holt, born in Andover, Mass., in 1795, and died in Milford, Jan. 3, 1869.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah, b. Sept. 23, 1829; m. 1846, Charles, son of Jonathan and Achacy (Hutchinson) Buxton of Milford, and d. Sept. 26, 1847.
2. Harriet Ann, b. June, 1836, and d. Apr. 8, 1837.

John Mills, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Upton) Mills, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 2, 1810. Came from Wilton to

Milford in 1838. Was engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes for a series of years, and later was on a farm. A few of his last years were spent in the village,\* where he died March 6, 1892. Married (1) Dec. 25, 1834, Sarah, daughter of Aaron K. and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam, born in Wilton, Feb. 15, 1815, and died in Milford, Dec. 20, 1857. Married (2) Dec. 25, 1858, Elvira, daughter of Jonas and Hepsibah (Cutter) Davis, born in Temple, Nov. 29, 1830.

CHILDREN, ALL BUT FIRST BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah Naomi, b. in Wilton, Dec. 15, 1835; m. Jan. 19, 1856, Charles Henry, son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Burns of Milford; they res. in Wilton.
2. George Thompson, b. Nov. 8, 1839; is a broker; also in trade of boots and shoes; res. in Cleveland, Ohio; m. Sept. 8, 1862, Josephine A., dau. of Josiah W. and Lucretia A. (Lull) Taylor of Milford.
3. Charles Wendell, b. Jan. 27, 1844; enlisted in the army in the War of 1861 to 1865, and d. in Milford, Aug. 23, 1863.
4. Walter Maynard, b. July 20, 1860; res. in Cleveland, Ohio; is a manufacturer of oil stoves, and also engaged in a book bindery; m. Oct. 23, 1890, Caroline E., dau. of Hugh and Nancy (Kidd) Mayberry of Cleveland.
5. John, Jr., b. May 17, 1864; res. in Cleveland, Ohio; is a dealer in rubber goods; m. Oct. 30, 1889, Elizabeth Smith of Cleveland.
6. Benton, b. Feb. 14, 1870; res. in Lowell, Mass; is a bookbinder; m. Nov. 15, 1899, Viola E., dau. of Silas H. and Ida E. (Bragg) Redmond of Lowell, Mass.
7. Anna Davis, b. Oct. 21, 1871; m. March 8, 1894, Alexander W. C., son of John P. and Mary (Byles) Phillips of St. Louis, Mo., and res. there.

Aaron Mills, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Upton) Mills, born in Windham, Vt., Apr. 26, 1812. Was a shoemaker. Came to Milford from Mont Vernon when a young man, and died in Milford, Aug. 5, 1893. Married June 2, 1835, Almira, daughter of William and Abigail (Wadsworth) Bullis, born in Brookline, June 27, 1816, and died in Milford, July 24, 1892.

CHILDREN, ONE BORN IN WILTON, AND FIVE IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet A., b. Dec. 15, 1836, and d. in Wilton, Jan., 1837.
2. Nettie Almira, b. June 22, 1841; m. May 11, 1863, Harry R., son of Daniel and Martha G. (Aiken) Wheeler of Amherst; they res. in Nashua, where she d. March 27, 1899.

3. Hattie L., b. Dec. 20, 1842, and d. Feb. 9, 1844.
4. Ellen M., b. March 8, 1844, and d. March 8, 1852.
5. Katie M., b. Apr. 13, 1847, and d. March 11, 1852.
6. Abbie L., b. Sept. 1, 1851; m. March 31, 1874; George V. Tarlton of Milford; they res. in Providence, R. I.

Xenophon E. Mills, son of Ebenezer and Lovisa (Holden) Mills, born in Grafton, Vt., Oct. 10, 1823. Came to Milford in 1840. Is a shoemaker. Married Feb. 11, 1845, Harriet R., daughter of Abraham and Lovisa (Jones) Melzar, born in Milford, Aug. 24, 1825.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Frank, b. Aug. 3, 1846; is a laborer; res. in Milford; unm.
2. Etta Joanna, b. Nov. 11, 1848; m. June 6, 1878, James E. Moody of Boston, Mass., and res. there.
3. Belle Elnora, b. May 8, 1851; m. Nov. 3, 1874, Elmer E., son of Robert B. and Lucy Jane (McKean) Hill of Nashua; they res. in Milford.
4. Kate Finette, b. Aug. 5, 1852; res. in Milford; unm.

John A. Mills, son of Ebenezer and Fanny (Park) Mills, born in Grafton, Vt., Dec. 14, 1830, came to Milford when a young man, and learned the shoemaker's trade. Leaving town, he was overseer in cotton mills in Nashua and Manchester for about thirty years, then was in the boot and shoe trade a few years in Penacook, and a brief time in Medford, Mass., returning to Milford in 1896, where he was in the shoe trade, and died June 20, 1899. Married Nov. 16, 1850, Emma M., daughter of Eli and Lydia (Carter) Wheeler, born in Hillsborough, Dec. 16, 1832.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edgar Hernandes, b. in Milford, July 2, 1851, and d. Nov. 27, 1851.
2. Hattie May, b. in Nashua, Aug. 10, 1872; was a bookkeeper several years; m. July 19, 1899, Alonzo W., son of Frank W. and Rebecca (Jones) Averill of Mont Vernon; res. in Milford.

## MITCHELL.

John Mitchell, son of Alexander and Catherine (Laing) Mitchell, born in Aberdeen, Scotland, July 13, 1862. Came to Milford in 1892 from Barre, Vt. Is a quarryman and stone-



cutter. Married Dec. 2, 1885, Susan, daughter of Thomas and Isabella (Hastings) McCormick, born in Kirkeudbrightshire, Scotland, Feb. 18, 1864.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Alexander George, b. in West Quincy, Mass., Oct. 24, 1887.
2. John Henry, b. in Wigtownshire, Scotland, Oct. 16, 1889.
3. Willie Andrew, b. in Milford, Apr. 5, 1893.
4. Samuel Arthur, b. in Milford, Aug. 10, 1895.
5. Isabella Etta, b. in Milford, Dec. 22, 1897.

#### MIXER.

Stephen S. Mixer, son of Benjamin and Betsey (Shepard) Mixer, born in Hillsborough, Sept. 20, 1821. Was a carpenter. Came from Brookline in 1865, and died May 5, 1896. Married May 30, 1843, Sarah C., daughter of Asher and Sally (Hall) Bennett, born in Brookline, May 28, 1826, and died in East Boston, Mass., Dec. 27, 1899.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN BROOKLINE.

1. Fanny Ann, b. July 23, 1846; m. Nov. 1, 1865, George H., son of Joseph P. and Adaline (——) Jefts of Brookline; they res. in Fitchburg.
2. Clara Edna, b. March 3, 1849; m. Nov. 10, 1865, Henry V., son of Vriling D. and Sarah M. (Cutter) Shattuck of Brookline; they res. in Townsend, Mass.
3. James Albert, b. Jan. 27, 1851; is a painter; res. in Milford; m. Apr. 10, 1880, Nettie G., dau. of Charles M. and Amelia H. (Hope) Willard of Boston, Mass.
4. Lizzie, b. July 3, 1853, and d. June 3, 1855.
5. Augusta Carrie, b. March 29, 1856; m. Nov. 28, 1889, Azel P., son of Azel P. and Mary (Wilber) Brigham of Milford, and d. Apr. 26, 1896.
6. Harriet Paulina, b. Apr. 19, 1858; m. Feb. 4, 1880, Llewellyn B., son of Barzillai and Selura (Aldrich) Hinds of Milford; they res. in East Boston, Mass.

#### MAFFITT.

Robert Maffitt, son of John and Sarah A. (Harrison) Maffitt, born in Fall River, Mass., Dec. 25, 1869; came from Central Falls, R. I., in 1891. Is a morocco shaver. Married Jan. 27, 1889, Emily, daughter of George and Rhoda (Andrews) Fountain, born in Swanton Falls, Vt., Dec. 15, 1869.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Harrison, b. in Central Falls, R. I., June 14, 1891.
2. Leroy, b. in Milford, July 2, 1893.
3. Percy, b. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1895.

## MOOAR.

Capt. Joshua Mooar, born in Andover, Mass., in 1751, came to Milford in early life. Was a farmer, and settled on the place now owned by John Blanchard, in the west part of the town, where he died Sept. 10, 1824. Married Deborah Chandler, born in Andover, Mass. We have no date of her birth, marriage, or death.

## CHILDREN, TWO SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN ANDOVER AND FIVE IN MILFORD.

1. Deborah, b. 1777; m. Nov. 18, 1800, Simeon, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stephens) Gutterson of Milford, and d. Aug. 28, 1805.
2. † Joshua, Jr., b. 1778.
3. † Stephen Chandler, b. Aug. 19, 1780.
4. Timothy, b. Jan. 9, 1783; d. Jan. 11, 1783.
5. † Timothy, b. March 22, 1784.
6. Sally, or Sarah, b. Oct. 26, 1786; m. May 2, 1809, Luther, son of Benjamin and Susanna (Peabody) Hutchinson of Milford, and d. June 6, 1857.
7. Betsey, b. Jan. 25, 1790; m. Apr. 20, 1813, Micah, son of Joel and Martha (Carter) Jenkins of Mont Vernon, and d. there Oct. 7, 1824.

Joshua Mooar, Jr., born in Andover, Mass., in 1778. Was a farmer. Resided in Milford, and died July 20, 1831. Married Nov. 19, 1805, Beulah, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Griffin) Blanchard, born in Wilton, June 13, 1783, and died in Milford Nov. 20, 1824.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Louisa, b. Aug. 31, 1806; m. Feb. 19, 1828, Freeman, son of Samuel and Martha (Howard) Hutchinson of Wilton; res. there, and d. Oct. 13, 1869.
2. Child, b. 1808, and d. Oct. 22, 1809.
3. Roxana, b. Sept. 30, 1810; m. Sewall Parker, and res. in Caven-dish, Vt., where she d. Dec. 26, 1858.
4. Charles, b. Sept. 17, 1812; was a farmer; res. in Lempster, and d. in Claremont, May 11, 1880; m. in 1839, Laura Ann, dau. of Thomas and Laura A. (Way) Moore of Lempster.

5. Dorinda, b. Aug. 8, 1814; m. a Mr. Stevens; res. in Great Falls, where she d. Nov. 7, 1871.
6. Timothy, b. July 22, 1816, and d. in Milford, Sept. 14, 1840.
7. Sarah, b. July 29, 1818; m. a Mr. Gay, and res. in New York.
8. John, b. Sept. 1, 1820; was a farmer; res. in Rockingham, Vt., where he d. Aug. 18, 1882; m. July 2, 1844, Mary Marinda, dau. of Amasa and Deborah (Houghton) Snell.

Stephen C. Mooar, son of Capt. Joshua and Deborah (Chandler) Mooar, born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1780. Was a farmer. Removed from Milford to Peterborough in 1804. Returned to Milford in 1811, and removed to Andover, Mass., in 1820, where he died March 16, 1861. Married Nov. 6, 1804, Elizabeth Sawyer, born July 5, 1782.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Eliza, b. in Peterborough, Aug. 17, 1806; res. in Andover, Mass., and d. there unm.
2. Stephen, b. in Peterborough, Apr. 10, 1810; was an overseer in a cotton mill in Lowell, Mass., and d. there; m. (1) March 21, 1833, Hannah Stevens of North Andover, Mass.; (2) March 29, 1854, Sarah J. Poor.
3. Joshua, b. in Milford, July 12, 1812; rem. to Andover, Mass., with his father in 1820; was a farmer; res. in Andover, and d. there Nov., 1867; m. March 23, 1841, Mary E., dau. of Gardner and Rachel H. (Hart) Abbott of Andover.

Timothy Mooar, son of Capt. Joshua and Deborah (Chandler) Mooar, born in Milford, March 22, 1784. Was a farmer. Removed to Peterborough in 1810, returned in 1829, and removed to Nashua in 1849, where he died March 21, 1855. Married March 15, 1810, Betsey, only daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Steele) Hopkins, born in Milford, Sept. 8, 1792, and died in Nashua, Oct. 10, 1852.

#### CHILDREN, EIGHT BORN IN PETERBOROUGH AND TWO IN MILFORD.

1. Marsena, b. Oct. 2, 1810; m. Sept. 21, 1837, Nancy E., dau. of Isaac, Jr., and Hannah (Herrick) Blanchard of Milford; he was a carpenter in his earlier years; rem. to Ohio soon after his marriage, and later he became a lawyer, practising his profession in Kinsley, Kan., for upwards of twenty years; he d. at the Masonic Home in Wichita, Kan., July 7, 1898.
2. Daniel H., b. Jan. 3, 1813; d. Oct. 21, 1833.
3. Joshua Abbott, b. Nov. 10, 1814; was a farmer; res. in Londonderry, where he d. Sept. 26, 1872; m. Aug. 6, 1837, Lavina, dau. of John and Nancy (Linn) Witherspoon of Boston, Mass.

4. Maria Josephine, b. Feb. 5, 1817; m. Feb. 10, 1844, David, son of Cyrus and Mary (Blanchard) Blanchard of Peterborough; res. there and in Nashua, where she d. Jan. 23, 1892.
5. Elvira H., b. Feb. 17, 1820; m. Jan. 1, 1848, Frederic W. Dow, and res. in Nashua.
6. Manuel, b. Jan. 10, 1823; was a wood turner; res. in Nashua, and d. there June 6, 1896; m. Apr. 23, 1850, Sarah J. Plummer of Londonderry.
7. Morrill, b. Oct. 13, 1825; was a hotel clerk; res. in Nashua, and d. Apr. 2, 1865; m. Lizzie Kenney of New York.
8. Eliza Jane, b. Aug. 31, 1828; res. in Nashua; unm.
9. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 15, 1831; d. in Milford, Jan. 6, 1837.
10. Daniel H., b. Jan. 7, 1833; d. Feb. 3, 1837.

Grant P. Mooar, son of Gardner and Mary (Hardy) Mooar, born in Hollis, Dec. 7, 1820. Was a blacksmith. Came to Milford in 1849, from Antrim, and died in Milford, Aug. 2, 1870. Married Dec. 22, 1840, Rhoena, daughter of William and Rebecca (Hardy) Colburn, born in Hollis, Aug. 28, 1823, and died in Pepperell, Mass., July 14, 1884.

## CHILDREN.

1. Alma Rhoena, b. in Hollis, Feb. 3, 1842; m. Apr. 5, 1859, Rufus W., son of Joseph and Mary (Robeson) Palmer, and res. in Pepperell, Mass.
2. Charles Nelson, b. in Hollis, Sept. 15, 1843; came to Milford with his father in 1849; was a blacksmith, working with his father in the stone shop on Elm street, and after his father's death continued to occupy the premises until his decease, Feb. 14, 1877; m. Nov. 15, 1870, Esther P. Rideout, a widow, dau. of William and Esther (Brown) Parr of Nova Scotia.
3. Aureella Cordelia, b. in Antrim, Apr. 30, 1848; m. Aug. 1, 1865, James Myron, son of David and Lydia (Amsden) Stickney, and res. in Milford.
4. Willie Humphrey, b. in Milford, Nov. 5, 1857; is a freight conductor on the Boston & Maine Railroad, and res. in Nashua; m. Jan. 1, 1879, Eunice H., dau. of Edmund and Hannah (Ryan) Huntress of Milford.

## MOORE.

Isaac Moore, son of Isaac and Mary (Bigelow) Moore, born in Berlin, Mass., Jan. 12, 1772, and died in Milford, Aug. 26, 1846. Was a farmer and cooper. Resided on a place about a half mile from the town-house, on the road to Mason, his

dwelling house standing on the spot now occupied by John C. Merrill's house. Married Oct., 1798, Martha, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Dane) Knowlton, born in Ipswich, Mass., July 29, 1772, and died Aug. 23, 1871. They became residents of Milford in 1797.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Bigelow, b. Jan. 11, 1800; m. Jan. 24, 1826, David, son of David and Sally (Crosby) Woolson; res. in Milford, and d. in Amherst, March 6, 1884.
2. Joseph, b. March 20, 1803; was a carpenter and builder; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. July 9, 1878; m. May, 1832, Lovisa, widow of John Cram, and dau. of Daniel and Tamizin (Felton) Benjamin of Boston.
3. Dean, b. Feb. 8, 1805; was a farmer; res. on the homestead, and d. Aug. 11, 1881; unm.
4. Esther, b. Jan., 1808, and d. Oct. 30, 1831.
5. Isabelle, b. May 8, 1810; m. Sept. 17, 1835, Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Anna (Conant) Crosby of Milford, and d. March 9, 1885.
6. Christiana, b. July 29, 1815; res. in Milford, and d. May 23, 1900; unm.

Rev. Humphrey Moore, son of Humphrey and Mary (Sweetser) Moore, born in Princeton, Mass., Oct. 19, 1778. Came to Milford in 1802, and was the first settled clergyman in the town. Resided on his farm, a short distance from the village on the road to Wilton, where he died Apr. 8, 1871. Married (1) Apr. 5, 1803, Hannah, daughter of William and Abigail (Wilkins) Peabody, born in Milford, March 11, 1779, and died March 2, 1830. Married (2) March 28, 1831, Mary J., daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Swett) French, born in Bedford, July 12, 1808, and died in Milford, Nov. 23, 1898.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Maria Antoinette, b. Feb. 24, 1804; m. Nov. 6, 1826, William, Jr., son of William and Mary (Southward) Ramsdell; res. in Milford, and d. Feb. 4, 1878.
2. Josephine, b. Feb. 4, 1808; m. Rev. John M. Ellis of Jaffrey, and d. in Milford, July 28, 1872.
3. Taseah Theresa, b. Jan. 7, 1810; m. Dec. 29, 1829, John, son of William and Mary (Southward) Ramsdell; res. in Milford until 1853, when they rem. to Iowa; she d. in Richland, Apr. 14, 1864.
4. † Euclid, b. Apr. 2, 1812.



Euclid Moore, son of Rev. Humphrey and Hannah (Peabody) Moore, born in Milford, Apr. 2, 1812. Was a farmer. Resided at the homestead, where he died Sept. 6, 1855. Married Dec. 24, 1835, Harriet, daughter of James and Judith (Stevens) Hartshorn, born in Amherst, June 11, 1817. Now resides in Nashua.

## CHILD.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Milford, June 22, 1838, and d. in Milford, Sept. 28, 1839.

## MURPHY.

John Murphy, son of Edward and Maria (Brennan) Murphy, born in Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 1, 1844. Is a cooper. Is now employed as station agent and postmaster at East Milford. Married Nov. 28, 1866, Frances M., daughter of William T. and Paulina (Hutchinson) Little, born in Kewanee, Ill., Jan. 16, 1844.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emma Paulina, b. in Barre, Vt., Nov. 15, 1867; m. Sept. 30, 1890, Charles A., son of Henry N. and Laura J. (Wightman) Hutchinson of Milford, and res. in Drownville, R. I.
2. † William Edward, b. Apr. 4, 1869.
3. Alice Josephine, b. in Milford, Dec. 17, 1870; m. Sept. 30, 1889, Frank P., son of Thomas M. and Charlotte E. (Hutchinson) King of Milford; res. in Nashua.
4. Nellie Agnes, b. in Milford, March 31, 1874; m. Sept. 30, 1895, George W., son of John H. and Addie H. (Secomb) Coggin of Amherst; they res. in Mont Vernon.
5. Lewis Bernard, b. in Milford, July 29, 1876; is a watchmaker and res. in Waltham, Mass.

William E. Murphy, son of John and Frances M. (Little) Murphy, born in Barre, Vt., Apr. 4, 1869. Came to Milford with his father the same year. Is a farmer. Resides at East Milford. Married Sept. 30, 1890, Gertrude F., daughter of William J. and Emily A. (Webber) Mills, born in East Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 2, 1872.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ethel Gertrude, b. March 25, 1893.
2. Louis John, b. June 30, 1894.
3. William Mills, b. March 23, 1900.

## NEEDHAM.

Stearns Needham, son of John and Prudence (Stearns) Needham, born in Tewksbury, Mass, Feb. 25, 1754, and died in Milford, Feb. 5, 1830. He was a farmer, came to Milford prior to 1780, settling on place near the Milford Springs, now known as the Wallingford place; m. (1) Alice Kidder, born in Tewksbury, Mass., and died in Milford, Feb. 14, 1780; m. (2) Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Kittredge) Bailey, born in Andover, Mass., Dec. 7, 1759, and died in Milford, March 2, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Stearns, b. Feb. 3, 1780, and d. the same day.
2. Jeremiah, b. Feb. 4, 1780, and d. the same day.
3. Alice, b. Feb. 4, 1780, and d. the same day.
4. James, b. May 15, 1783, and d. June 8, 1783.
5. Hannah, b. March 14, 1784; m. Nov. 19, 1807, Benjamin, son of David and Elizabeth (Leeman) Wallingford; res. in Milford, and d. Sept. 7, 1859.
6. † John, b. Nov. 28, 1785.
7. † David Parsons, b. Aug. 9, 1787.
8. Betsey Jaquith, b. March 28, 1789; m. (1) May 10, 1813, William Greenwood, and res. in Ludlow, Vt.; was m. 4 times.
9. Samuel Bailey, b. Feb. 8, 1791; was a farmer and res. in Bedford, where he d. April 16, 1865; m. Nov. 25, 1821, Abigail Hardy.
10. Jeremiah Kidder, b. Sept. 20, 1792; was a farmer, res. in Hollis, and d. there April 9, 1862; m. (1) April 18, 1816, Olive Parker of Hollis; (2) Ruhamah Whitney of Marlborough, March 29, 1826; (3) Mrs. Betsey Cogswell, and (4) Dec. 2, 1858, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Carlton of Merrimack.
11. Phineas Spalding, b. Oct. 19, 1794; was a cloth-dresser; res. in Hollis and d. there Aug. 15, 1849; m. Nov. 24, 1818, Hannah G. Averill of Mont Vernon.
12. Mary, b. Oct. 31, 1796; m. Daniel Greenwood of Dublin; res. there, and d. July 5, 1820.
13. Josiah Locke, b. Aug. 28, 1800, and d. Dec. 7, 1821.
14. Sarah, b. Feb. 12, 1803, and d. April 11, 1820.
15. Harriet, b. Nov. 19, 1805; m. Dec. 31, 1830, Samuel, son of Josiah and Mary (Patch) Hayden of Hollis; res. there, and d. Jan. 9, 1869.

John Needham, son of Stearns and Hannah (Bailey) Needham, born in Milford, Nov. 28, 1785; was a clock maker, and died in Milford, April 25, 1824. Married Roxana Barnes, born in Wallingford, Vt., and died in Pottersville.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John Evans, born Oct. 8, 1820; was a machinist and basket maker; res. in Peterborough, and d. there Aug. 29, 1870; m. April 10, 1842, Susan E., dau. of Stephen and Temperance (Nottingham) Paul, b. in Durham, May 16, 1819, and d. Jan. 21, 1862.
2. Sarah Roxana, b. Dec. 23, 1822; m. April 24, 1842, Morris M., son of Reuben and Olive (Nichols) Heath of Merrimack. She d. in Milford, Feb. 5, 1884.

David P. Needham, son of Stearns and Hannah (Bailey) Needham, born in Milford, Aug. 9, 1787; was a farmer, built the house first south of the pumping station on the road to Brookline, where he died April 16, 1861. Married May 6, 1813, Melinda, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Jackson) Keyes, born in Ludlow, Vt., July 10, 1795, and died in Milford, May 4, 1865.

## CHILDREN, TWO BORN IN PLYMOUTH, VT., FOUR IN MILFORD.

1. David Alsavan, b. May 21, 1815, and d. in Ludlow, Vt., March 5, 1816.
2. Alsavan Bailey, b. Dec. 25, 1816; m. Aug. 31, 1842, Maria Lovejoy of Milford. Went West and not heard from.
3. Zebina Allen, b. Dec. 18, 1818, d. Sept. 21, 1830.
4. Melinda Alzina, born Aug. 20, 1824; m. Sept. 3, 1846, Daniel Taylor, son of Daniel and Mary F. (Taylor) Lakin of Hancock, and res. there. She d. in Milford Jan. 10, 1879.
5. Mary Janette, born July 4, 1828; m. Aug. 10, 1847, Phineas B., son of Samuel and Sarah (Blanchard) Hood; res. in Milford, and d. Sept. 10, 1878.
6. Lucien Ruffien, b. Feb. 22, 1830; was a farmer, res. on homestead, and d. there Aug. 1, 1859; m. May 28, 1859, Harriet E., daughter of Jeremiah, 2d, and Harriet (Elkins) Hood of Milford. She now res. in Wilton.

George H. Needham,<sup>4</sup> son of Jeremiah<sup>3</sup> and Susan (Elliot) Needham, a grandson of Jeremiah K.<sup>2</sup> and a great-grandson of Stearns,<sup>1</sup> born in Hollis, Aug. 29, 1845, is a farmer and raises a large amount of poultry and eggs. Married, Oct. 5, 1868, Abbie, daughter of Livermore and Harriet (Cheever) Farnum, born in Brunswick, Me., March 5, 1845.

## CHILD.

1. Leslie Farnum, b. in Milford, Feb. 20, 1883, and d. Nov. 29, 1888.

## NELSON.

Eugene L. Nelson, son of Ralph and Susan (Dewing) Nelson, born in Needham, Mass., Feb. 5, 1845, was a farmer, res. on a place in the south part of the town formerly owned by Peter Clark, Jr.; removed to the village early in 1899, and died June 19, 1899. Married, March 28, 1867, Emma L., daughter of Nathaniel W. and Asenath (Melendy) Colburn, born in Brookline, July 11, 1845.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Herbert Alonzo, b. Nov. 16, 1867.
2. Lucy Gertrude, b. July 16, 1872; m. June 5, 1900, James J., son of Robert R. and Caroline H. (Johnson) Howison, of Milford, and res. there.
3. Evangeline Louise, b. June 9, 1876; m. Sept. 19, 1895, Henry A., son of Jacob K. and Mary A. (Chase) Sargent. They res. in Milford.

Herbert A. Nelson, son of Eugene L. and Emma L. (Colburn) Nelson, born in Milford, Nov. 16, 1867, is a farmer and res. on the homestead. Married, Jan. 25, 1894, Lula F., daughter of Charles B. and Emma F. (Cram) Pinkham, born in Wilton, April 15, 1872.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Doris Gertrude, b. Sept. 28, 1896.
2. Ralph Pinkham, b. Nov. 17, 1899.

Lewis J. Nelson, a son of Ephraim and Lydia (Churchill) Nelson, born in Croydon, April 6, 1850, is a carpenter; came to Milford in 1883 from Wilton, and removed to Worcester, Mass., in 1898. Married, Oct. 11, 1876, Sarah E., daughter of Eleazer D. and Charity P. (Tandy) Farr, born in Goshen June 3, 1852.

## CHILDREN.

1. Alice Sarah, b. in Goshen, July 29, 1877.
2. Otho Lewis, b. in Wilton, Feb. 24, 1880.

## NEWTON.

Elbridge G. Newton, son of Asa and Mary (Gould) Newton, born in Acworth, May 27, 1818, came to Milford in 1853,

from Bedford, and was an overseer in a cotton mill and in grocery trade while in town; he returned to Bedford in 1861, where he was engaged in farming, and died Jan. 27, 1874. Married, Sept. 6, 1843, Jerusha E., daughter of John and Sally (Waldow) Stearns, b. in Grafton, Vt., Aug. 3, 1821.

## CHILDREN.

1. Albert Francis, b. in Salmon Falls, April 3, 1848, is a clergyman, res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. Dec. 5, 1877, Mary E., dau. of Amos and Jane L. (Littell) Wright of Milford.
2. Ellen Louisa, b. in Bedford, May 19, 1853, and d. in Milford, Oct. 8, 1856.
3. Willie Wallace, b. in Milford, April 27, 1856, and d. in Milford Aug., 1857.
4. Frederic Clarence, b. in Milford, Dec. 15, 1858; was a physician; res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. June 30, 1884, Josephine H., dau. of Richard W. and Ellen F. (Crowe) Martin of Manchester; he d. in Chicago, Jan. 12, 1887.
5. George Wentworth, b. in Milford, Dec. 11, 1860; is a physician, res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. May 19, 1887, Jennette, dau. of Francis H. and Mary H. (Lower) Jackson of Philadelphia, Penn.

Hubbard Newton, son of Joab and Polly (Butterfield) Newton, b. in Acworth, March 11, 1811; came to Milford in 1863, from Peterborough; was a farmer, res. on road to Nashua, and died Aug. 15, 1868. Married, Feb. 18, 1846, Caroline, daughter of Zalmon and Grace R. (Holmes) Smith, born in Peterborough, Sept. 20, 1830. She married (2) Jason W. Bills, and res. in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN PETERBOROUGH.

1. Mary Caroline, b. Dec. 23, 1848; m. Oct. 15, 1869, Charles W., son of Moses and Sarah A. (Gregg) French of Milford, and res. in Wellfleet, Mass.
2. George Hubbard, b. Jan. 23, 1851; is a mechanic and res. in Ayer, Mass.; m. Nov. 14, 1877, Mary J., dau. of Henry J. and Elizabeth (Brown) Swett of Brookline.
3. Frank Pierce, b. Nov. 22, 1854; d. Dec. 17, 1866.
4. Harriet Miranda, b. April 25, 1857; m. Dec. 16, 1884, Charles H., son of Matthew and Jane (Simonds) Forsaith, and res. in Nashua.

## NICHOLS.

Joseph Nichols, son of Dea. Benjamin and Polly (Hardy) Nichols, born in Hillsborough, June 1, 1801; came to Milford in



1866, from Bath, and died, May 20, 1888. Married, Feb. 14, 1826, Phila H., daughter of Daniel and Anna (White) Millen, born in Lempster, Oct. 5, 1803, and died in Milford, Aug. 22, 1886.

## CHILD.

1. Susan Antoinette, b. in Alexandria, July 5, 1832; m. (1) Dec. 4, 1850, Henry D., son of Charles and Abigail (Seaverns) Jones of Hillsborough; m. (2) Dec. 3, 1861, Gustavus, son of Ichabod C. and Anna (Sleeper) Bartlett of Bristol. She now res. in Milford.

Jacob Nichols, son of Ensign S. and Sarah (Dinsmore) Nichols, born in Londonderry, June 23, 1822, came to Milford in 1871, from Mont Vernon; is a farmer, was formerly a merchant. Married (1), Sept., 1847, Arabella E. Y., daughter of Henry Demeritt, born in Boston, Mass., Feb. 22, 1822, and died in Mont Vernon, March, 1870; married (2), Sept. 24, 1872, Georgia E. Hall, widow of James Hall and daughter of Griffin and Elizabeth (Stevens) Wilson, born in Nelson, Aug. 4, 1842, and died in Milford, July 6, 1900.

## CHILDREN.

1. Fannie Arabella, b. in Manchester, Feb. 21, 1850; m. March 22, 1877, Ellis H. Williams of Easton, Mass., and res. in Hyde Park, Mass.
2. Henry James, b. in Manchester, Jan. 7, 1854; is assistant cashier in a bank, and res. in Milford; m. June 13, 1883, Nellie M. Newman, widow of Henry A. Newman and dau. of George A. and Diana (Woods) Graves of Cambridgeport, Mass.
3. Carrie Maud, b. in Milford, May 22, 1874; m. June 28, 1891, Clarence A., son of John A. and Ella (Richards) Lovejoy of Milford; res. in Concord Junction, Mass.

## NOWELL.

Capt. Moses Nowell, son of Zachariah and Mary (York) Nowell, born in Newburyport (probably), Feb. 4, 1736; was a captain in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from Newburyport. After the war they resided in Dracut, where he was a boat builder. They came to Milford in 1800, and lived on a farm on the north end of Federal hill, and thence removed to the village, living on the lot now owned by A. W. Howison, where he died, April 11, 1829. Married, Feb. 14, 1763, Cath-

erine, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Neal) Hill, born in Kittery, Me., Nov. 6, 1735, and died in Boston, Mass., March 8, 1831.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NEWBURYPORT, MASS.

1. † Moses, Jr., b. March 15, 1764.
2. Catherine, born June 15, 1765; m. Dec. 12, 1793, Israel, son of John and Lydia (Thorndike) Hunt of Dracut, Mass., and d. in Nashua, May 15, 1850.
3. † James (a twin), b. July 15, 1767.
4. Annie (a twin), b. July 15, 1767; m. in 1790, Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Bathsheba (Hill) French of Dracut, Mass. They res. a few years in Milford, then rem. to Boston, Mass. She d. in Brookline, Mass., Oct. 10, 1849.
5. William, b. Aug. 9, 1769.
6. George, b. May 20, 1771.

Moses Nowell, Jr., son of Capt. Moses and Catherine (Hill) Nowell, born in Newburyport, Mass., March 15, 1764, came to Milford in 1812, from Dracut, Mass., and removed to Portland, Me., in 1830, where he died, April 10, 1853. Married, about 1795, Pattee, daughter of Benjamin and Bathsheba (Hill) French, born in Dracut, Mass., April 19, 1774, and died in Portland, Me., Jan. 7, 1852.

## CHILDREN, SIX BORN IN DRACUT, MASS., ONE IN MILFORD.

1. Henry, b. Feb. 19, 1797; m. July 4, 1824, Mary, dau. of Isaac and Ruth (Ames) Abbot of Milford; removed to Portland, Me., and d. there, May 12, 1869.
2. Clarissa, b. Dec. 22, 1798, and d. July 17, 1819.
3. Charles, b. Feb. 9, 1801, and d. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 6, 1821.
4. Martha, b. July 22, 1803; m. Jan. 29, 1828, William Clark of Merimack; rem. to Waddington, N. Y., and d. May 12, 1880.
5. Mary, b. Nov. 2, 1805; m. Dec. 25, 1828, Moses I. Plummer, and d. March 21, 1859.
6. Moses, 3d, b. May 7, 1808; m. May 23, 1833, Sarah A. Parsons of Gloucester, Mass.; res. in Chelsea, and d. Sept. 6, 1849.
7. Cyrus, b. in Milford, Dec. 14, 1815; rem. to Portland, Me., with his father in 1830, and has held city offices in past years,—two years was assistant assessor; two years clerk of city council; two years member of city government, and for over twenty years auditor of city accounts by annual election; m. (1) Sept. 15, 1840, Mary E. Tinkham, who d. Jan. 15, 1842; m. (2) Oct. 5, 1846, Henrietta B. Vose, who d. Nov. 18, 1892.

James Nowell, son of Moses and Catherine (Hill) Nowell, born in Newburyport, Mass., July 15, 1767; was a tinsmith; came to Milford in 1800 and died there, Feb. 17, 1806. Married Mary ———, who died in Milford, Oct. 10, 1806.

## CHILDREN.

1. Fanny, b. in Dracut, Mass.
2. Catherine Hill, b. in Dracut, Mass., in 1797; m. John A. Hutchins of Merrimack, and d. in Nashua, May, 1838.
3. James, b. in Milford, April 6, 1800; was a tinsmith; m. Harriet Shaw, dau. of — and Susan (Webster) Shaw; res. in Haverhill, Mass., and d. in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 24, 1843.
4. Mary, b. in Milford, Aug. 15, 1801; m. Ebenezer Simonds, and res. in Haverhill, Mass.
5. Paulina, b. in Milford, Feb. 2, 1804, and d. in Milford, July 23, 1810.

## OBER.

John A. Ober, son of Samuel and Hannah (Greeley) Ober, born in Amherst, Nov. 4, 1845. Came to Milford in 1876 from Amherst. Is a clothing merchant. Married Dec. 1, 1869, Harriet I., daughter of Rev. Jeremiah D. and Abigail S. (Freeze) Tilton, born in Deerfield, Oct. 7, 1845. No children.

## O'BRIEN.

John O'Brien, son of Patrick and Mary (Magner) O'Brien, born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1837. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1870 from Mont Vernon, and died in Milford, June 30, 1889. Married Catherine, daughter of James and Margaret (Fox) Ryan, born in County Cork, Ireland.

## CHILDREN.

1. James F., b. in Mont Vernon, Nov. 15, 1856, and d. there Dec., 1865.
2. Thomas C., b. in Mont Vernon, Aug., 1859, and d. there Dec., 1861.
3. John P., b. in Mont Vernon in 1860, and d. there Jan., 1862.
4. Joseph T., b. in Mont Vernon, July, 1862; res. in Milford; is a farmer; m. Nov. 18, 1896, Mary A., dau. of Jeremiah and Anis-tatia (Splain) Calnan, of Woburn, Mass.
5. George N., b. in Mont Vernon, May 15, 1867; d. in Milford, Apr. 4, 1881.
6. Mary F., b. in Milford, Jan. 10, 1872.

## ODELL.

Francis Odell, son of John and Edith (Nourse) Odell, born in Amherst, Feb. 24, 1794. Came to Milford from Merrimack in 1851, and removed to Waltham, Mass., a few years prior to his decease, where he died May 6, 1884. Married Dec. 19, 1820, Cynthia, daughter of Simeon and Lydia (Peabody) Kenny, born in Merrimack, Apr. 18, 1798, and died in Milford, Nov. 12, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MERRIMACK.

1. Cynthia Phebe, b. Oct. 30, 1821; m. June 15, 1848, John F., son of John and Sally (Wood) Gilson of Nashua.
2. Francis Stillman, b. July 20, 1823; d. in Ruatan Island, Bay of Honduras, Apr. 18, 1867.
3. Walter Scott, b. Sept. 15, 1825; d. in Merrimack, Sept. 22, 1826.
4. Simeon Kenny, b. Aug. 16, 1827; d. in Wayne, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1892.
5. Henry Jackson, b. Apr. 19, 1829; d. in Merrimack, May 10, 1830.
6. Adaline Eliza, b. March 22, 1831; d. in Milford, July 20, 1855.
7. John Edward, b. Feb. 11, 1835; is a watchmaker; res. in Waltham, Mass.; m. Lydia Ann, dau. of Charles G. and Esther (Abbot) Singleton of Boston, Mass.

## ORDWAY.

Moses Ordway, son of Moses and Mary (—) Ordway, born in Newburyport, Mass., Sept. 10, 1810. Is a plumber. Came to Milford in 1866, from Concord, residing in the village. Married Oct. 9, 1833, Sarah M., daughter of Nathan and Betsey (Warner) Chase, born in Newburyport, Mass., June 19, 1809, and died in Milford, May 1, 1890.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN CONCORD.

1. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Dec. 23, 1834; m. June 1, 1864, William W., son of Abijah and Mary A. (Hood) Wood; res. in Milford.
2. Lydia Ann, b. July 15, 1842; d. in Concord, Sept. 14, 1843.

Frank W. Ordway, son of Willard and Eliza (Pettingill) Ordway, born in Loudon, Feb. 1, 1859. Came to Milford in 1877. He is of the firm of Ordway & Kendall, livery stable keepers and dealers in all kinds of carriages and sleighs. He was one of the board of selectmen five years. Married Nov.

30, 1882, Kate Alice, daughter of John and Jennette (Hutchinson) Dickey, born in Milford, Feb. 1, 1858.

#### CHILD.

1. Fred Dickey, b. in Milford, Sept. 26, 1883.

#### OSGOOD.

Col. Josiah Osgood, born in Methuen, Mass., in 1762. Came to Milford when a young man, and settled on the place now owned by Henry N. Hutchinson, near the schoolhouse in school district No. 5, also owned and operated a sawmill near by. He died Apr. 2, 1813. Married, in 1788, Elizabeth Walton, born in Amherst, in 1766, and died in Milford, March 11, 1839.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Capt. Josiah, Jr., b. Apr. 28, 1789.
2. † Benjamin, b. May 6, 1791.
3. Sarah, b. Jan. 16, 1793; m. Henry, son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson; res. in Milford, and d. there Dec. 4, 1854.
4. † William, b. Oct. 26, 1794.
5. Betsey, b. July 2, 1796; d. Aug. 7, 1800.
6. Elizabeth, b. July 2, 1797; d. Aug. 5, 1800.
7. † Sidney, b. March 20, 1799.
8. Samuel, b. Aug. 30, 1800; was a watchman; res. in Clinton, Mass., where he d. Apr. 6, 1874; m. March 24, 1824, Mary Ann, dau. of Roswell and Elizabeth Hubbard of Sullivan.
9. Betsey, b. March 16, 1802; d. Aug. 6, 1816.
10. Thaddeus, b. March 6, 1804; d. Oct. 4, 1853; was m. four times.
11. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 28, 1806; d. Aug. 6, 1810.
12. Cady, b. March 23, 1808; was a shoe dealer; res. in Auburn, where he d. Jan. 23, 1890; m. Dec. 6, 1836, Mary, dau. of John E. and Susannah (Heath) Kelley of Methuen, Mass.
13. Ruby, b. Apr. 3, 1810; m. Sept. 16, 1831, Charles, son of Abijah and Abigail (Wilder) Kingsbury of Keene, and d. there Aug. 3, 1879.
14. Walton, b. Sept. 4, 1811; was a shoemaker; res. in Haverhill, Mass.; m. March 2, 1837, Patience P., dau. of Barzilla and Polly (Barber) Adams of Salem; d. in Atkinson, Dec. 7, 1893.

Capt. Josiah Osgood, son of Col. Josiah and Elizabeth (Walton) Osgood, born in Milford, Apr. 28, 1789. Was a farmer, residing on a place near his father, and now owned by Clarence J. Gutterson, where he died Nov. 9, 1834. Mar-



ried Oct. 1, 1818, Maria T. Vaughan, born in Liverpool, Eng., Sept. 5, 1792, and died in Foxboro, Mass., March 15, 1880.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Emily Rebecca, b. March 10, 1820; m. Dec. 16, 1846, George A. Wilbur of Foxboro, Mass., and d. there March 26, 1889.
2. Maria R., b. Apr. 5, 1822; res. in Chicago, Ill., and d. there Sept. 12, 1855; unm.
3. George, b. Jan. 19, 1824; was a tinsmith; res. in San Francisco, Cal., where he d. Feb. 1, 1883; m. Oct. 1, 1872, Lizzie K. Roberts of that city.
4. John, b. Jan. 25, 1826; d. in Mississippi, Dec. 6, 1850.
5. Harriet Ann, b. May 28, 1828; m. Jan. 15, 1852, Messer C. Dean of Keene; res. in Chicago, Ill., and d. there May 6, 1857.
6. Charles, b. Sept. 13, 1830; was a farmer; res. in Auburn and Candia; m. (1) Jan. 21, 1861, Cynthia L., dau. of Richard and Abia (Wood) Clark of Auburn; (2) Nov. 25, 1875, Mrs. Mary J. Flint of Candia. He d. in Candia, Apr. 8, 1881.

Maj. Benjamin Osgood, son of Col. Josiah and Elizabeth (Walton) Osgood, born in Milford, May 6, 1791. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead, and died there Aug. 25, 1829. Married Aug. 13, 1815, Rachel, daughter of Timothy and Prudence (Elliot) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 1, 1793, and died in Salem, Mass., Dec. 28, 1882.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Josiah, b. July 6, 1817; m. Wilmena Ordway; d. in Hudson, Nov. 30, 1858.
2. Benjamin H., b. June 18, 1819; m. Elizabeth T. Cross; d. in Salem, Mass., March 11, 1872.
3. Eliza B., b. Aug. 19, 1821; d. June 7, 1836.
4. Emeline R., b. Dec. 19, 1823; m. Joseph P. Flint; d. in Danvers, Mass., Apr. 7, 1846.
5. Thaddeus, b. Nov. 9, 1825; m. Rebecca Hood; d. in Methuen, Mass., July 9, 1855.
6. Maria P., b. Jan. 19, 1827; m. Joseph P. Flint; d. in Chelsea, Mass., March 22, 1875.

William Osgood, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Walton) Osgood, born in Milford, Oct. 26, 1794. Was a harness maker. Resided in Dorchester, Mass., a few years, returning to Milford in 1825, and resided near the homestead where he died April 9, 1860. Married, in 1818, Mary B. Stoddard of

Hingham, Mass., born Jan. 1, 1800, and died in Milford, June 30, 1883.

CHILDREN, THREE BORN IN DORCHESTER, MASS., TEN IN MILFORD.

1. † William H., b. Nov. 13, 1819.
2. Elizabeth W., b. Oct. 28, 1821; d. Sept. 25, 1822.
3. Sarah E., b. Jan. 22, 1824; d. Oct. 10, 1824.
4. Ruby, b. Sept. 8, 1826; d. March 11, 1847.
5. Knights S., b. Nov. 15, 1828; is a tailor; res. in Roxbury, Mass.; m. Nov. 8, 1855, Louisa A., dau. of Lewis and Henrietta (Ramsey) Keyes of Boston, Mass.
6. Archer, b. Feb. 2, 1831; is a painter; res. in California; unm.
7. Mary Katherine, b. May 18, 1833; m. May 18, 1853, Lyman Sawin; res. in South Gardner, Mass.
8. Jasper, b. March 9, 1835; was a blacksmith; res. in California, and d. there Aug. 17, 1868; m. (1) Dec. 15, 1860, Phebe J., dau. of Augustus and Adelaide (Smith) Hutchinson of Milford; (2) May 7, 1867, Hattie C. Griggs of Keene.
9. Julia Ann, b. 1838; d. July 6, 1840.
10. Harriet A., b. 1840; d. Nov. 2, 1851.
11. Charles H., b. Dec. 21, 1843; is a blacksmith and farmer; res. in Leominster, Mass.; m. June 7, 1865, Frances A., dau. of Charles E. and Ann Maria (Shepley) Weston of Nashua.
12. George, b. in 1845; is a harness maker; res. in South Gardner, Mass.
13. Theresa R., b. 1847; d. Feb. 9, 1850.

Sidney Osgood, son of Col. Josiah and Elizabeth (Walton) Osgood, born in Milford, March 20, 1799. Was a harness maker. Removed to Milford, Mass., when a young man, and returned to Milford in 1853, where he died Jan. 13, 1856. Married Jan. 17, 1830, Delia Fowler, who was born Sept. 30, 1807, and died in Milford, Mass., in 1839.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD, MASS.

1. Delia, b. Apr. 8, 1833; m. in the spring of 1855, Westly Dunlap of Niagara, N. Y.; res. in Milwaukee, Wis.; d. in the spring of 1861.
2. Marinda, b. Feb. 13, 1835; m. May 7, 1856, George F., son of Blake and Mary (Clark) Parker of Medfield, Mass.; res. in Milwaukee, Wis.
3. David Sidney, b. Feb. 9, 1837; was a miner; res. in Wicks, Mon., where he d. May 12, 1899; unm.

William H. Osgood, son of William and Mary B. (Stoddard) Osgood, born in Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 13, 1819. Was a shoemaker. Resided near the village west of the road

to Amherst, where he died Dec. 24, 1885. Married June 4, 1844, Eliza W., daughter of Francis and Fanny (Knowlton) Lynch, born in New Boston, Sept. 22, 1820, and died in Milford, Dec. 10, 1895.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fannie Eliza, b. Nov. 6, 1849; m. Sept. 11, 1871, Frank Brooks, son of Roger A. and Rhoda A. (Woods) Pearsons of New Boston; they res. in Milford.
2. Martha Emma, b. Apr. 9, 1855; d. Oct. 13, 1866.
3. † Philip Henry, b. Aug 17, 1857.

Philip H. Osgood, son of William H. and Eliza W. (Lynch) Osgood, born in Milford, Aug. 17, 1857. Is a painter, residing on the homestead. Married Aug. 4, 1883, May L., dau. of George H. and Louisa (Clifford) Webber, born in Bedford, Aug. 30, 1865.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mattie Louisa, b. Aug. 9, 1884.
2. Helen Eliza, b. Aug. 20, 1889.

Joseph Osgood, son of Joseph and Abigail (Barker) Osgood, born in Methuen, Mass., May 22, 1796. Was a farmer. Came to Milford, in 1845, from Nelson. Married (1) Feb. 6, 1821, Polly, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Chandler) Jewett, born in Nelson, Dec. 5, 1791, and died there Aug. 3, 1841; (2) Jan. 17, 1843, Sarah, daughter of William and Sally (Fessenden) Lovejoy, born in Milford, Sept. 26, 1813, now resides in Weymouth, Mass.

## CHILDREN, NINE BORN IN NELSON, FOUR IN MILFORD.

1. Augustus Niles, b. July 14, 1821; m. in 1846, Mary Shurburn of Franklin; res. in San Francisco, Cal.
2. Amos, b. in 1823; d. in Nelson, Oct. 10, 1831.
3. Samuel, b. March 4, 1824; res. in Billerica, Mass.
4. Mary Jane, b. Feb. 8, 1827; m. Oct. 3, 1846, Abiel A., son of Samuel, Jr., and Lois (Burnham) Lovejoy of Milford, and d. there, Oct. 2, 1876.
5. William, b. in 1829; d. Aug. 14, 1850.
6. Sarah Ann, b. Jan. 25, 1831; m. Apr. 2, 1861, Joseph P. Frost; res. in Jaffrey.
7. Elvira Amanda, b. Apr. 6, 1832; m. May 13, 1852, Harvey J. Ware of Hancock; res. in East Harrisville.

8. Amos Jewett, b. July 30, 1836; is a teamster; res. in Somerville, Mass.; m. Nov. 27, 1857, Emily J., dau. of William and Hannah (—) Walker of Dorchester, Mass.
9. Abner Warner, b. Nov. 14, 1843; d. Sept. 3, 1861.
10. Milon C., b. Aug. 5, 1845; d. Oct. 10, 1863.
11. Maria M., b. Aug. 27, 1847; m. May 9, 1864, John, son of Daniel and Dorothy (May) Wright.
12. Albert Joseph, b. Oct. 15, 1850; is a farmer; res. in Weymouth, Mass.; m. Oct. 11, 1876, Emma C., dau. of John D. and Maria (Vining) Salisbury of Weymouth.
13. Ella E., b. Feb. 14, 1853; m. Dec. 17, 1868, William L., son of Luther and Nancy (Locke) Abbot; res. in Marlow.

## PALMER.

Rufus W. Palmer, son of Joseph and Mary (Robeson) Palmer, born in Sutton, Sept. 7, 1830. Came from Bradford to Milford in 1853, and was a soapmaker; removed to Pepperell, Mass., in 1873, and is a farmer. Married Apr. 5, 1859, Alma R., daughter of Grant P. and Rhoena (Colburn) Mooar, born in Hollis, Feb. 3, 1842.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Carrie Alma, b. July 15, 1860; m. Nov. 29, 1894, Frank A., son of Frederick and Rachel (Rogers) Conant of Pepperell, Mass., and res. there.
2. Charles Rufus, b. Sept. 3, 1862; is a plumber; m. Aug. 7, 1888, Jennie E., dau. of Alonzo and Nellie (Walsh) Lake of Pittsfield; they res. in Pepperell, Mass.
3. Grant Mooar, b. May 7, 1871; is a carpenter; m. Feb. 24, 1892, Sarah A., dau. of William A. and Stella A. (Newell) Harrod of Pepperell, and res. there.

## PARKER.

Loammi Parker, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Hartshorn) Parker, born in Wilton, Nov. 8, 1800. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1825, and died Oct. 22, 1830. Married Oct. 9, 1823, Mary, daughter of Eli and Rachel (Farnsworth) McIntosh, born in Brookline, Aug. 27, 1802, and died in Milford, May 9, 1851.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hannah, b. Jan. 27, 1825; m. (1) Feb. 6, 1845, Edward W., son of John and Annie (Mills) Bullard; res. in Milford until after Mr.



Bullard's decease, when she rem. to Nashua, and m. (2) Robert Emerson, and now res. there.

2. Isaiah L., b. March 22, 1827; d. Oct. 27, 1849.

3. Elizabeth R., b. Dec. 4, 1830; m. Dec. 8, 1850, William, son of Asa and Lavina (Mills) Wetherbee of Milford, and res. there; after the decease of her husband rem. to Nashua, and now res. there.

Milton Parker, son of Joshua and Eliza (Hurd) Parker, born in Pittsburg, Oct. 25, 1824. Came to Milford in 1847. Was a wheelwright, and died in Milford, March 13, 1883. Married (1) Jan. 4, 1848, Mary E., daughter of Samuel and Mary L. (Barnes) Boyles, born in Marshfield, Vt., Aug. 27, 1830, and died in Milford, Jan. 9, 1861; (2) Jan. 7, 1862, Mary E., daughter of John B. and Recta (Wright) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Apr. 17, 1835, and res. there.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George C., b. Nov. 29, 1848; d. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 27, 1866.

2. Marietta, b. Feb. 17, 1851; m. Apr. 17, 1894, George S., son of Moses A. and Ruth (Conant) Cheever of Brookfield, Mass., and res. there.

3. † Edwin Milton, b. Oct. 17, 1863.

4. Willis Hutchinson, b. Dec. 21, 1872; is an expressman; res. in Worcester, Mass.

Edwin M. Parker, son of Milton and Mary E. (Hutchinson) Parker, born in Milford, Oct. 17, 1863. Is a jobber and expressman, residing in the village. Married Oct. 8, 1889, Carrie L., daughter of John E. and Lucy A. (Baker) Batchelder, born in Susanville, Cal., Sept. 20, 1867.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Grace Lucy, b. Jan. 15, 1891.

2. Ralph Milton, b. Sept. 8, 1894.

George F. Parker, son of George O. and Caroline (Gilson) Parker, born in Hollis, Nov. 27, 1837. Came to Milford in 1858, residing on road to Lyndeborough. Is a farmer and quarryman. Married (1) Dec. 2, 1858, Sarah E. Lawrence, born in Hollis, Apr. 7, 1842, and died in Milford, July 14, 1876; (2) Jan. 31, 1878, Ella J., daughter of Nathan T. and Mary J. (Upton) Taylor, born in Lyndeborough, Sept. 6, 1850.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jonas Freeman, b. Jan. 12, 1859; was at Fort Worth, Texas, when last heard from.
2. Etta Louisa, b. Apr. 24, 1862; m. Oct. 26, 1881, Elson D., son of Harvey F. and Jane E. (Drury) Frye of Wilton, and res. there.
3. Frank McLellan, b. Dec. 8, 1863; is postmaster; res. in Hillsborough Bridge; m. Sept. 5, 1889, Evangie Grace.
4. Lizzie Belle, b. March 29, 1887.

Edmund J. Parker, son of Josiah M. and Maria A. (Cash) Parker, born in Amherst, Jan. 16, 1834, is a carpenter; came to Milford in 1860, from Lyndeborough. Married (1) Jan. 20, 1869, Lizzie A., daughter of Stephen H. and Maria M. (Cogswell) Howe, born in Milford, Dec. 23, 1846, and died there July 26, 1872; (2) May 6, 1873, Lydia A., daughter of Enoch and Sarah M. (Whitcomb) Coffin, born in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 26, 1845.

## CHILDREN.

1. Myrtie A., born in Nashua, Jan. 16, 1870; m. Jan. 15, 1891, Mark A., son of Nathan F. and Lodemia T. (Butler) Richardson of Milford, and res. in Francestown.
2. Carey Edmund, b. Nov. 3, 1877, and d. March 8, 1878.

Levi S. Parker, son of Levi Parker, born in Dunstable, Mass., May 5, 1809, came to Milford in 1852, from Pepperell, Mass. He was a cooper. Married May 5, 1853, Susan E., daughter of John and Susan (Daniels) Burns, born in Milford, July 14, 1830. He died in Milford, Sept. 17, 1870.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Fred Varian, b. Feb. 13, 1854.
2. Susan Maria, b. Sept. 16, 1855; d. in Milford, June 2, 1880.
3. Lizzie Ann, b. Aug. 14, 1857; m. March 23, 1880, George W., son of Thomas W. and Lucy M. (Stevens) Battles of Mont Vernon, and res. in Decatur, Ill.

Fred V. Parker, son of Levi S. and Susan E. (Burns) Parker, born in Milford, Feb. 13, 1854, is a mechanic. Married Nov. 4, 1881, Margaret, daughter of Henry and Isabella (Wilson) May, born in Chatham, N. B., Oct. 7, 1862.

## CHILD.

1. Lester Scott, b. in Milford, Sept. 23, 1887, and d. Jan. 17, 1900.

Nathaniel L. Parker, son of Nathaniel and Martha (Wetherbee) Parker, born in Pepperell, Mass., July 4, 1832, came to Milford in 1881 from West Townsend, Mass. He is a cooper. Married April 30, 1863, Nancy A., daughter of John and Lucy (Heywood) Towne, born in Wilton, April 17, 1837.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edward Darwin, b. in Brookline, Feb. 12, 1864, is a shoemaker, res. in East Whitman, Mass.; m. November, 1899, Margaret Cameron of Nova Scotia.
2. Martha Iva, b. in Hollis. April 14, 1866; res. in Milford, employed in a paper box manufactory.
3. Lilla Amanda, b. in Milford, Sept. 19, 1867; m. Aug. 7, 1895, Fred H., son of Joshua E. and Fidelia E. (Fields) Fields, and res. in Milford.
4. Sidney Homan, b. in Townsend, Mass., Oct. 19, 1873, is a shoemaker, and res. in East Whitman, Mass.
5. Malona Lucy, b. in Townsend, Mass., Feb. 24, 1876; res. in Milford, employed in the paper box manufactory.
6. Vira Edell, b. in Townsend, Mass., Aug. 24, 1877, and d. there Feb. 27, 1878.

Hermon H. Parker, son of William and Sarah (Smiley) Parker, born in New Boston, Sept. 26, 1855, is a farmer, residing on a place near Mont Vernon line, formerly owned by George Hartshorn. He came from New Boston in 1888. Married March 4, 1879, Hattie L., daughter of Josiah W. and Harriet (Stevens) Taylor, born in Milford, March 3, 1856.

## CHILDREN.

1. Bertha Taylor, b. in New Boston, Jan. 1, 1883.
2. Ernest Hermon, b. in Milford, May 14, 1888.

## PARSONS.

Timothy H. Parsons, son of John and Mary (Hutchkins) Parsons, born in Gloucester, Mass., May 27, 1826, came to Milford in 1847. He is a farmer, residing at East Milford. Married Oct. 6, 1847, Susan E., daughter of Jeremiah M. and Betsey (Perkins) Goodwin, born in Milford, June 8, 1822, and died Dec. 2, 1899.

## ADOPTED DAUGHTER.

1. Mary Jane Eliza, b. in Townsend, Mass., in 1849, and d. in Milford, Nov. 28, 1868.

## PEABODY.

William Peabody, son of Capt. Stephen and Hannah (Swan) Peabody, born in Boxford, Mass., June 29, 1715, came to Milford in 1742, and settled on the farm now known as the "Farnsworth place," on the road to Lyndeborough, where he died May 31, 1791. Married March 25, 1740, Rebecca Smith, born in 1716, and died May 11, 1790.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Stephen, b. Sept. 3, 1742, and d. Sept. 19, 1780; m. in 1763, Hannah, dau. of Thomas and Hannah (Goffe) Chandler of Bedford, who d. in Montpelier, Vt., in August, 1826, aged 79 years.
2. Sarah, b. March 21, 1744; m. Oliver Wright of Keene.
3. † William, Jr., b. Feb. 3, 1746.
4. Priscilla, b. Nov. 19, 1750; m. Bartholomew Grimes of Amherst.
5. Rebecca, b. Jan. 2, 1752; m. in 1778, Nathan Hutchinson, Jr., of Milford; res. there, and d. Feb. 25, 1826.
6. Hannah, b. April 2, 1754; m. David Chandler of Andover, Mass.
7. Susannah, b. Nov. 4, 1755; m. in 1776 or 1777, Benjamin Hutchinson, a brother of Nathan, Jr.; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 23, 1834.

William Peabody, Jr., son of William and Rebecca (Smith) Peabody, born in Milford, Feb. 3, 1746, was a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married Abigail, daughter of Rev. Daniel and Sarah (Fuller) Wilkins, born in Amherst, Aug. 6, 1745, and died in Milford, Feb. 11, 1827. He died Aug. 24, 1822.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clarissa, b. Oct. 29, 1771; d. in Milford, Oct. 6, 1850, unm.
2. Abigail, b. Oct. 20, 1773, and d. September, 1777.
3. Hannah, b. Jan. 23, 1775, and d. September, 1777.
4. Abigail, b. Oct. 7, 1777, and d. April 28, 1827, unm.
5. Hannah, b. March 11, 1779; m. Dec. 15, 1803, Rev. Humphrey, son of Humphrey and Mary (Sweetser) Moore; res. in Milford, and d. March 2, 1830.
6. William, b. July 14, 1780, and d. Jan. 9, 1794.
7. † Stephen, b. Oct. 4, 1782.
8. Anna, b. March 3, 1784; m. Dec. 15, 1803, Rev. Elijah, son of Elijah and Sarah (—) Dunbar; res. in Peterborough, and d. there July 25, 1828.

Stephen Peabody, son of William, Jr., and Abigail (Wilkins) Peabody, born in Milford, Oct. 4, 1782. He retained

the old homestead during life, residing at times in Portsmouth, in Exeter, in Milford, and in Amherst, practising his profession of attorney-at-law. He died in Amherst, Jan. 19, 1847. Married Sept. 20, 1824, Jemima P., daughter of Rev. Matthew and Anna (Hibbard) Bolles, born in Ashford, Conn., March 12, 1800, and died in Newton Centre, Mass., Sept. 24, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clara Elizabeth, b. Oct. 16, 1825; m. Dec. 24, 1845, Edward P., son of Timothy W. Bancroft of Boston, Mass.; res. there, and d. in Paris, France, Sept. 3, 1882.
2. Francis Bolles, b. Oct. 27, 1827, is a banker, and res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. Sept. 20, 1854, Harriet C., dau. of Rev. Petrus S. and Lucretia L. (Cutter) Ten Broeck of Portland, Me.
3. Augustus Stephen, b. Nov. 7, 1829, is a banker, and res. in Boston and New York; m. Sept. 20, 1855, Fanny H. Sanderson of Boston, Mass.
4. Jessie Bolles, b. May 1, 1834; m. Nov. 8, 1854, Arthur L., son of Ephraim L. and Eunice (Swain) Frothingham of Boston, Mass. They reside in Princeton, N. J.

Aaron Peabody, born in Topsfield, Mass., April 3, 1747. Came to Milford when about twenty years of age, settling upon land in that part of the town called the Mile Slip making a home for himself and family, and died there Sept. 19, 1826. Married May 4, 1769, Susannah, daughter of Deacon Humphrey and Anna (Symonds) Hobbs, born in Amherst, Sept. 1, 1745, and died in Milford, Aug. 7, 1827.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Aaron, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1774; was a farmer, res. in the Mile Slip district; m. (1) Dec. 18, 1799, Polly Miles; (2) March 6, 1806, Betsey Lovejoy, a dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Elliot) Lovejoy of Milford; (3) Jan. 5, 1815, Polly Eaton. Suppose he removed from town soon after his third marriage as we do not find his name in the list of taxpayers after 1814, and do not know where he went or when he died.
2. †Samuel, b. June 20, 1776.
3. Betsey, b. Sept. 29, 1778; m. Jan. 2, 1825, Asa Elliot.
4. †Humphrey, b. Nov. 18, 1779.
5. John, b. Feb. 3, 1782.
6. Joseph, b. July 13, 1784; d. Jan. 31, 1808.
7. †Amos, b. July 25, 1786.



Samuel Peabody, son of Aaron and Susannah (Hobbs) Peabody, born in Milford, June 20, 1776. Was a farmer residing on a place next north of the Caleb Brown farm in the Mile Slip, where he died Aug. 29, 1851. Married Hannah, daughter of Rufus and — (Sawtell) Pike, born in Hollis in 1785, and died in Mason, Sept. 26, 1876.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Rodney, b. April 6, 1803; went to the West Indies when a young man and not heard from.
2. Asher, b. May 16, 1806; was a shoemaker, res. in Mason, and died in Ayer, Mass., May 5, 1879; m. Oct. 9, 1828, Susan A., dau. of David and Elizabeth (Cutter) Amsden.
3. Jewett, b. in 1809; m. Mary Thayer, res. in Cheshire, Mass., and d. there in 1843.
4. Nancy, b. June 20, 1812; d. July 2, 1812.
5. Samuel, b. May 31, 1816; d. Sept. 3, 1819.
6. Justus, b. Nov. 28, 1817; was a farmer, res. in Milford; m. Dec. 3, 1840, Elizabeth A., dau. of Abel and — (Shattuck) Spalding, rem. to Mass., and d. there.
7. Hannah A., b. Dec. 7, 1819; m. May 5, 1841, Page, son of Solomon and Sally (Adams) Saunders, of Brookline.
8. Samuel, b. 1827; d. in Milford, Oct. 18, 1828.

Humphrey Peabody, son of Aaron and Susannah (Hobbs) Peabody, born in Milford, Nov. 18, 1779. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead where he died June 20, 1865. Married, March 17, 1808, Keziah, daughter of Daniel and Ruhama (Cutter) Smith, born in Milford, Feb. 15, 1781, and died March 8, 1856.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Joseph Hobbs, b. Feb. 12, 1809; was a machinist and res. in Fitchburg, Mass., where he d. Sept. 27, 1882; m. May 11, 1834, Edna I., dau. of Loammi and Betsey (Stiles) Flinn of Milford.
2. Daniel Hiram, b. April 20, 1811; m. Dec. 16, 1841, Emeline, dau. of Amos and Sally (Wright) Peabody; was a farmer, res. in Jefferson City, Mo., and died there.
3. Humphrey Calvin, b. Sept. 1813; was a cabinet maker, res. in Canaseraga, N. Y., where he d. Dec. 19, 1884; m. Dec. 29, 1836, Elvira, dau. of Thomas and Susannah (Holmes) Atwood.
4. Mary, b. Dec. 31, 1815; is a tailoress and res. in Canaseraga, N. Y., unm.
5. †Luther, b. April 28, 1818.
6. Caroline, b. May 21, 1821; d. May 22, 1842.



7. Newton, b. Dec. 11, 1823; is a painter, res. in Wilmington, Del.; m. Feb. 27, 1848, Margaret, dau. of Solomon and Elizabeth (Veneas) Kirby of New Haven, Vt.

Amos Peabody, son of Aaron and Susannah (Hobbs) Peabody, born in Milford, July 25, 1786. Was a farmer, residing in the Mile Slip until late in life he removed to the place on the road to Wilton, formerly owned by Timothy Mooar, where he died Jan. 5, 1877. Married April 9, 1812, Sally, daughter of Benjamin and Betty (Adams) Wright, born in Milford, June 12, 1790, and died Sept. 28, 1867.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Adams, b. Jan. 22, 1813; was a clergyman; res. in Jefferson City, Mo., and d. in Eureka Springs, Ark., March 10, 1888; m. (1) April 19, 1836, Frances C., dau. of Henry and Isabella (Crown) Smith, of New York; (2) Sept. 29, 1863, Laura, widow of Caleb Hutchinson, and dau. of Oliver and Susannah (Smith) Wright of Milford.
2. Emeline, b. Jan. 12, 1815; m. Dec. 16, 1841, Daniel H., son of Humphrey and Keziah (Smith) Peabody, and died in Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 19, 1891.
3. Lydia, b. Feb. 2, 1817; m. April 12, 1841, Jacob, son of Jacob and Sally (Symonds) Rideout; res. in Wilton, and d. there April 8, 1900.
4. Sally, b. Feb. 1, 1819; m. April 23, 1853, James, son of Samuel and Mary (Ament) Furgeson, of Larned, Kan., and res. there.
5. Lorenia, b. June 16, 1821; d. Feb. 17, 1823.
6. Amos, Jr., b. Oct. 12, 1823; was a carpenter; res. in Brookline, where he d. Jan. 30, 1882; m. Dec. 22, 1853, Lucilla P., dau. of Alpheus and Clorinda (Wallace) Shattuck of Brookline.
7. Susan, b. Dec. 3, 1825; d. June 8, 1856.
8. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 3, 1828; m. April 9, 1846, James R., son of Benjamin, Jr., and Polly (Wright) Wright, of Milford; res. in New Boston, and d. Oct. 25, 1887.
9. Elvira, b. May 17, 1830; m. April 6, 1854, Daniel S., son of Frederick and Sally (Stinson) Chase of Nashua; res. in Kansas City, Kan.
10. Lucy Ann, b. Aug. 9, 1832; m. Nov. 26, 1857, Charles A., son of Jonathan W. and Mary L. (Russell) Elliot of Mason; res. in Ashby, Mass.
11. †Hermon Addison, b. Aug. 29, 1834.

Luther Peabody, son of Humphrey and Keziah (Smith) Peabody, born in Milford, April 28, 1818. Was a farmer, re-

siding in Milford until 1867, when he removed to Wilton where he died June 24, 1891. Married March 18, 1846, Maria T., daughter of Loammi and Betsey (Stiles) Flinn, born in Milford, July 21, 1824, and died in Wilton, Jan. 7, 1891.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William W., b. Dec. 25, 1846; was in the 28th regiment of Mass. Vols. in the War of 1861 to 1865; was wounded in action and d. in hospital at Fairfax Seminary, Va., Dec. 18, 1864.
2. Caroline L., b. Aug. 6, 1848; m. April 27, 1867, Charles F., son of Timothy and Mary (Lund) Carlton, of New Ipswich, and res. in Wilton.
3. Frank D., b. Sept. 16, 1850; is a molder and res. in Fitchburg, Mass.; m. March 27, 1883, Emma B., dau. of Robert and Eme-line (Bartlett) Rogers of Fitchburg, Mass.
4. Ai O., b. Dec. 15, 1853; is a farmer and painter; res. in Wilton, unm.
5. Hattie M., b. Feb. 2, 1858; m. May 4, 1882, Charles W., son of William L. and Sarah A. (Grant) Savage of Greenfield, and res. in Lyndeborough.
6. Laura E., b. Feb. 25, 1860; m. April 18, 1880, Fred B., son of William and Sabrina (Brooks) Atherton of Greenfield, and res. there.

Hermon A. Peabody, son of Amos and Sally (Wright) Peabody, born in Milford, Aug. 29, 1834. Is a farmer and mechanic, now residing in the village. Married June 2, 1858, Mildred M., widow of James Badger and daughter of Amos and Matilda (Gray) Gutterson, born in Milford, Oct. 27, 1833.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lilla Josephine, b. Dec. 1, 1859; m. Nov. 11, 1881, Charles M., son of Putnam and Mary N. (Gray) Woodward, of Milford; they res. in Hudson.
2. †Ernest Addison, b. Aug. 21, 1861.
3. Ada Francilla, b. July 10, 1863; m. Nov. 26, 1890, Perley P., son of Levi and Ellen (Parker) Kidder, of Francestown, and res. in Milford.
4. Cora Belle, b. Jan. 9, 1868; m. Jan. 11, 1887, Ozro W., son of Horace H. and Ann M. (Gibson) Hodgman, of Mason, and res. in Brookline.

Ernest A. Peabody, son of Hermon A. and Mildred M. (Gutterson) Peabody, born in Milford, Aug. 21, 1861. Is a

salesman in a dry goods store and resides in Milford. Married April 29, 1886, Nellie M., daughter of John and Phebe M. (Metcalf) Ordway, born in Lyndeborough, Dec. 12, 1868.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hazel Alice, b. March 14, 1887.
2. Marion, b. Nov. 24, 1890.

Horace Peabody, son of Jacob and Sally (Wilkins) Peabody, born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 28, 1814, came to Milford in 1845. Was a farmer, residing on the road to Milford Springs one mile from the village, remaining until failing health obliged him to dispose of the farm and remove to the village, afterwards removing to Amherst where he died, Jan. 11, 1891. Married April 16, 1840, Martha Ann, daughter of John and Martha (Symonds) Sargent, born in Milford, Feb. 29, 1816.

## CHILD.

1. John Horace, b. in Hollis, Jan. 8, 1843, and d. in Milford, April 12, 1862.

Ezra B. Peabody, son of Isaac and Mary (Dodge) Peabody, born in New Boston, July 31, 1820. Came to Milford in 1868, from Brookline, and died Aug. 15, 1894. Was a shoemaker and later a watchman. Married Oct. 16, 1844, Adaline, daughter of James and Mary (Millen) McMillen, born in New Boston, July 12, 1807, and died Feb. 19, 1898.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NEW BOSTON.

1. Celia Frances, b. Aug. 23, 1845; m. May 25, 1869, Benjamin F., son of Moses and Diana (Wallingford) Foster, and res. in Milford.
2. Myron A., b. June 9, 1847; d. at the age of 10 weeks.

## PEACOCK.

Daniel Peacock, son of William and Elizabeth (Foster) Peacock, born in Amherst, Sept. 12, 1776. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1799 and removed to Lempster in 1819 where he died. Married in 1798, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward and Phebe (Pierce) Foster, born in Milford in 1777, and died in 1820.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. †Daniel, Jr., b. Sept. 22, 1799.
2. Elizabeth, b. April 27, 1801.
3. Susan, b. June 21, 1802.
4. Sarah, b. April 2, 1804; m. Oct. 13, 1825, Jonas Blood, Jr., of Hollis.
5. Robert, b. Feb. 16, 1806; d. April 21, 1838; m. Esther L., dau. of David and Polly (Wood) Willoby, of Milford.
6. Royal, b. May 3, 1808.
7. Nancy, b. March 10, 1810.
8. Stillman, b. May 25, 1812.
9. Harriet, b. in 1814; m. Franklin, son of David and Polly (Wood) Willoby, of Milford.
10. Adaline, b. 1816.

Daniel Peacock, Jr., son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Foster) Peacock, born in Milford, Sept. 22, 1799. Married Nancy, daughter of David and Polly (Wood) Willoby of Milford, born March 16, 1800, and died Aug. 24, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Ann, d. Sept. 27, 1821.
2. Nancy, b. Aug. 7, 1822; m. William F. Pratt; after the decease of Mr. Pratt she removed to Massachusetts.
3. Augustus F., b. June 18, 1824; was a farmer; res. in Milford from 1845 to 1862, when he rem. to Wilton; m. June 6, 1849, Roxana, dau. of Caleb and Jane (Longley) Putnam of Wilton.

## PEARSONS.

Ebenezer Pearsons of Duxbury School Farm and Mary Thompson of Wilmington, Mass., were married in Wilmington Nov. 30, 1762, and settled on the farm afterwards owned by his son, Ebenezer, Jr., and now owned by John A. Fitch, on the road to Lyndeborough. We have no account of the family excepting one son, Ebenezer, born Aug. 31, 1767.

Ebenezer Pearsons, Jr., son of Ebenezer and Mary (Thompson) Pearsons, born in Milford, Aug. 31, 1767. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead. Married Oct. 20, 1791, Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (—) Swan, born in Littleton, Mass., Feb. 3, 1768, and died in Milford, Oct. 9, 1860. He died Sept. 25, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary, b. June 3, 1792; m. Feb. 18, 1817, John Perham of Lyndeborough, and d. there Aug. 14, 1881.
2. † Ebenezer, Jr., b. Dec. 12, 1793.
3. Luther, b. Jan. 1, 1797; d. Oct. 6, 1800.
4. Sarah, b. Oct. 10, 1799; d. Oct. 5, 1800.
5. Lucinda, b. July 27, 1801; m. June 4, 1822, Nathaniel, son of Dea. Andrew and Martha (Raymond) Hutchinson; res. in Milford, and d. July 26, 1873.
6. † Dimon, b. Aug. 3, 1802.
7. † James, b. Oct. 26, 1804.
8. † Luther, b. Jan. 6, 1812.

Ebenezer Pearsons, Jr., son of Ebenezer and Mary (Swan) Pearsons, born in Milford, Dec. 12, 1793. Was a mechanic, residing in the house next north of the bridge on the road to Lyndeborough, where he died Feb. 13, 1850. Married June 6, 1817, Nancy W., daughter of Oliver and Eunice (Brown) Spalding, born in Milford, Dec., 1800, and died in Milford, Sept. 23, 1859.

## CHILD.

1. Mary Nancy, b. in Milford, Oct. 17, 1828; m. May, 1855, John M. Comegys, of Brattleborough, Vt., and d. there.

Dimon Pearsons, a brother of Ebenezer, Jr., born in Milford, Aug. 30, 1802. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead which he sold in 1858, and removed to the village where he died Sept. 4, 1866. Married June 1, 1830, Susan S., daughter of Oliver and Eunice (Brown) Spalding, born in Milford, Nov. 7, 1806, and died May 29, 1892.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Isaac Newton, b. Jan. 1, 1836; m. Aug. 19, 1863, Mary E. Teesdale, of Des Moines, Iowa, and d. in Milford, April 9, 1865.
2. Eunice Spalding, b. Oct. 24, 1839; was a music teacher; m. Oct. 24, 1869, William P. Heald, of Milford, and d. Jan. 21, 1885.

James Pearsons, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Swan) Pearsons, born in Milford, Oct. 26, 1804. Was a farmer. Removed to Lyndeborough in 1829, and returned to Milford in 1856, where he died Nov. 15, 1879. Married (1) May 26, 1829, Eliza, daughter of David and Huldah (Morse) Goodwin,



born in Milford, June 21, 1804, and died in Lyndeborough Sept. 16, 1854; (2) Jan. 7, 1856, Emily O. Kendall, widow of William Kendall of Belfast, Me., and daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Warner) Alden, born in Claremont, May 24, 1803. She was a descendant, in the seventh generation, from John Alden, who came over in the *Mayflower*. She died in Milford, June 21, 1897.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. David James, b. May 3, 1831; was a photographer; m. April 6, 1853, Hattie A. Jewett of Milford, and died in Cambridgeport, Mass., March 28, 1872.
2. Susan Eliza, b. Apr. 22, 1839; m. Nov. 22, 1855, Ezra F. Melzar of Milford, and d. April 24, 1893.

Luther Pearsons, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Swan) Pearsons, born in Milford, Jan. 6, 1812. Was a mechanic. Resided in the village where he died Jan. 29, 1892. Married Nov. 27, 1834, Annette, daughter of Jonathan and Achasy (Hutchinson) Buxton, born in Milford, July 16, 1810, and died April 7, 1900.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Jane, b. March 3, 1835; m. June 5, 1855, James F. Gilpatrick of Bangor, Me.; res. in Milford.
2. Clara Elizabeth, b. Oct. 9, 1847; res. in Milford, unm.

Frank Brooks Pearsons, son of Roger A. and Rhoda A. (Woods) Pearsons, born in New Boston Jan. 4, 1847. Is a teamster. Came to Milford in 1873, from Mont Vernon. Married Sept. 11, 1871, Fannie E., daughter of William H. and Eliza W. (Lynch) Osgood, born in Milford Nov. 6, 1849.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Alice Isabel, b. in Mont Vernon, July 15, 1872; m. Nov. 21, 1891, Harry B., son of Lorenzo D. and Selina L. (Lindsey) Leighton; they reside in Amherst.
2. Grace Eliza, b. in Milford, Feb. 18, 1879; m. John Casey, Jr., of Milford, Jan. 4, 1899, and he d. Feb. 6, 1900.
3. Marion Brooks, b. Nov. 26, 1890.

## PECKER.

George Pecker, son of George W., and Susan (Morse) Pecker, born in Methuen, Mass., Oct. 7, 1819. Was a shoemaker. Came to Milford in 1853 from Methuen, Mass., and died Sept. 6, 1893. Married Feb. 11, 1849, Melinda Y., daughter of John and Tryphena (Young) Burt, born in Dra-cut, Mass., May 18, 1824. Now resides in Nashua.

## CHILD.

1. George Louis, b. in Milford, June 13, 1856; is a mechanic and resides in Nashua; m. April 28, 1880, Susan Viletta, dau. of Rodney K. and Sirepta J. (Hartshorn) Hutchinson, of Milford.

## PERHAM.

David Perham, son of Lieut. Oliver and Anna (Pierce) Perham, born in Lyndeborough, April 28, 1805. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1860 from Lyndeborough, and died April 20, 1873. Married Jan. 15, 1835, Lucy W., daughter of John and Hannah (Keyes) Simonds, born in Milford, Oct. 16, 1814, and resides in town.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. Lucy Jane, b. May 9, 1836; res. in Milford and d. June 12, 1894, unm.
2. Hannah Susan, b. Feb. 27, 1838; d. in Lyndeborough, June 30, 1850.
3. David Munroe, b. March 10, 1844; is a laborer residing in Goffstown.
4. Mary Ann, b. June 3, 1846; d. in Lyndeborough, Jan. 18, 1859.
5. †John Pierce, b. July 30, 1848.

John Pierce Perham, son of David and Lucy W. (Symonds) Perham, born in Lyndeborough, July 30, 1848, came to Milford with his father in 1860. Was a stonecutter, and died Nov. 8, 1879. Married July 4, 1872, Sarah E., daughter of John and Mary (Nichols) Follansbee, born in Londonderry, Sept. 18, 1852, and died in Milford, March 15, 1878.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ada Frances, b. March 20, 1873; m. June 8, 1897, Frank W., son of William P. and Julia A. (Godkin) Richardson of Milford, and res. there.
2. Herbert Leslie, b. Sept. 15, 1876, and d. Aug. 23, 1877.

Newton Perham, son of Joseph and Abigail (Melendy) Perham, born in Lyndeborough, June 11, 1837, came to Milford in 1869 from Amherst. Is a quarryman. Married Dec. 25, 1863, Maria J., daughter of Joseph and Dolly P. (Perham) Adams, born in Chelmsford, Mass., July 28, 1843.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lizzie Marion, b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 4, 1867, and d. in Milford, Feb. 6, 1873.
2. Kazia Christine, b. in Milford, Feb. 7, 1870, is a music teacher, and res. in Milford.
3. Joseph Scott, b. in Milford, June 24, 1875, and d. March 5, 1892.
4. Mary Grace Lillian, b. in Amherst, Nov. 1, 1878.
5. Perley William, b. in Milford, March 21, 1882.

## PERKINS.

Fred H. Perkins, son of Enoch and Sarah (Currier) Perkins, born in Weare, Sept. 29, 1858, came to Milford in 1881. Is a mechanic. Married April 5, 1881, Minnie T., daughter of Levi W., and Frances E. (Kidney) Goodale, born in Deering, March 16, 1860.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ralph Richard, b. Jan. 20, 1882.
2. Hazel Frances, b. Jan. 20, 1890.
3. Herbert Fred, b. April 25, 1898.

Fred E. Perkins, son of Bela and — (Rowell) Perkins, born in Lyme, June 3, 1857, came to Milford in 1891, from Keene. Is a laborer. Married Jan. 1, 1882, Addie L., daughter of John F. and Myra (Still) Richardson, born in Claremont, May 12, 1864.

## CHILDREN.

1. Ralph Leroy, b. in Walpole, Feb. 24, 1884.
2. Harry Eugene, b. in Keene, April 24, 1887.

## PIERCE.

Richard H. Pierce, son of Richard H. and Sarah (Haven) Pierce, born in Bolton, Mass., June 9, 1825. Was in the War with Mexico in 1847, and in the Sixth N. H. heavy artillery

in the War of 1861 to 1865. Came to Milford in 1849, from Lowell, Mass., and died June 20, 1895. He was a cabinet maker. Married Nov. 29, 1848, Rebecca A., daughter of Levi and Mary (Tuttle) McIntire, born in Lyndeborough, Oct. 14, 1835, and now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Edwin Haven, b. Jan. 21, 1850.
2. Katie Rebecca, b. March 19, 1861, and d. May 19, 1868.

Edwin H. Pierce, son of Richard H. and Rebecca A. (McIntire) Pierce, born in Milford, Jan. 21, 1850, is a traveling salesman. Married (1) Aug. 11, 1869, Lydia R., daughter of Charles W. and Susan J. (—) Richards, born in McEnenville, Penn., in 1847; (2) Nov. 19, 1881, Harriet A., daughter of Barzillai and Selura (Aldrich) Hinds, born in Chichester, Aug. 26, 1843.

## CHILD.

1. Harry Francis, b. in Milford, July 22, 1870, and d. Oct. 22, 1870.

William L. Pierce, son of Capt. Abijah and Lucy (Emery) Pierce, born in Winchendon, Mass., June 27, 1834, and died in Milford, July 17, 1878. Came to Milford in 1863 from Manchester, and was engaged for several years in an extensive and successful coopering business. Married Jan. 1, 1857, Alice M., daughter of Charles H., Jr., and Alice (Chase) Danielson, born in Newburyport, Mass., Jan. 12, 1834. She married (2) Charles H. Holden of Nashua, and died there Sept. 2, 1895.

## CHILDREN.

1. William Edward, b. in Manchester, Sept. 2, 1857, is a manufacturer of wooden ware, and res. in Milford, unm.
2. Charles Ellsworth, b. in Troy, Aug. 11, 1862, and d. in Milford, April 26, 1864.
3. Minnie Alice, b. in Milford, Dec. 3, 1865; m. Sept. 3, 1884, Archie D., son of James and Mary M. (Fuller) Brown of Pittsfield; they res. in Kent City, Mich.

Nathaniel Pierce, son of Eleazer and Elizabeth (Proctor) Pierce, born in Hollis, June 4, 1822, came to Milford in 1870

from Hollis, residing on the place formerly owned by Joseph Wallace, in the northern part of the town. Married March 15, 1858, Hannah, daughter of James and Dorcas (Moore) Wheeler, born in Hollis, June 30, 1830. No children.

### PILLSBURY.

Josiah W. Pillsbury, son of Oliver and Anna (Smith) Pillsbury, born in Hamilton, Mass., March 20, 1811, was a teacher and farmer. Came to Milford in 1845 from Henniker, and died in Milford, Oct. 26, 1894. Married June 1, 1841, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Betsey (Barnet) Dinsmoor, born in Windham, Nov. 15, 1813, and resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Antoinette Aurelia, b. May 26, 1846; d. in Milford, Aug. 12, 1866.
2. Albert Enoch, b. Aug. 19, 1849, is a lawyer, res. in Boston, Mass.; has served the state as attorney-general.

### PINKHAM.

Charles B. Pinkham, son of Reuben M. and Harriet N. (Newell) Pinkham, born in Reading, Mass., March 5, 1839. Is a mechanic: Came to Milford in 1878, from Brookline. Married March 24, 1866, Emma F., daughter of Solomon and Mary S. (Sargent) Cram, born in South Lyndeborough, Jan. 3, 1847.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Fred Sargent, b. in Wilton, April 1, 1869; is an electrician; rem. to Nashua in 1892 and thence to Brockton, Mass., where he now res.; m. (1) June 23, 1892, Myrtie, widow of Walter E. Jaquith and daughter of William and Ellen (Carr) Duncklee, b. in Lyndeborough, Jan., 1872, and d. in Nashua, July 23, 1893; m. (2) Oct. 13, 1894, Mabel J., dau. of Freeman W. and Ida F. (Paige) Brooks, b. in New Boston, June 21, 1877. (Two children, born in Brockton.)
2. Lula Frances, b. in Wilton, April 15, 1872; m. Jan. 25, 1894, Herbert A., son of Eugene L. and Emma L. (Colburn) Nelson, and res. in Milford.
3. Minnie Florence, b. in Brookline, Nov. 27, 1876; m. Sept. 28, 1899, Charles P., son of Joseph E. and Lizzie M. (Nicholas) Batten. They res. in Milford.



## PLIMPTON.

Josiah I. Plimpton, son of Shubael and Alice (Capron) Plimpton, born in West Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 27, 1825. Was a pianoforte finisher. Resided in Boston, Mass., until 1857, when he purchased a farm in Milford, on the road to Wilton, residing there until his enlistment in Co. E, 3d Regiment, N. H. Vols., in the War of 1861, and died in the service, Aug. 16, 1864, at Deep Bottom, Va. Married Dec. 5, 1847, Eliza W., daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Jordan) Dunn, born in Oxford county, Me., Oct. 10, 1827; now resides in Seattle, Wash.

## CHILDREN.

1. Alice Dudley, b. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 16, 1848, and d. there Sept. 20, 1849.
2. Frank Ingalls, b. in Milford, Mass., Aug. 18, 1852, and d. in Seattle, Wash., Sept. 18, 1871.
3. Alice Josephine, b. in Jamaica Plain, Mass., Oct. 4, 1856, and d. in Milford, Feb. 24, 1861.
4. Charles Edward, b. in Milford, Dec. 28, 1858; is a bookkeeper; res. in Seattle, Wash.; m. Aug. 16, 1884, Alice Dunn Johnson, dau. of Sewell and Esther (Austin) Dunn of Dixfield, Me.

## POND.

Francis E. Pond, son of Ezra and Lydia P. (Whitney) Pond, born in Hubbardston, Mass., June 1, 1824. Came to Milford in 1864 from Pepperell, Mass., and died Apr. 15, 1893. He was a harness maker. Married March 2, 1847, Eliza S., daughter of Richard and Catherine (Smith) Center, born in Hancock, July 2, 1828, and died in Nashua, May 28, 1896.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Charles Henry, b. in Merrimack, June 23, 1848.
2. Mary Catherine, b. in Nashua, March 7, 1851; m. June 12, 1869, Albin W., son of Walter and Martha J. (Moulton) Brooks, and res. in Taunton, Mass.
3. Edward Wallace, b. in Merrimack, June 15, 1854, and d. Nov. 26, 1856.
4. † Edward Mansfield, b. in Merrimack, Feb. 13, 1857.
5. † William Francis, b. in Nashua, Jan. 28, 1859.

Charles H. Pond, son of Francis E. and Eliza S. (Center) Pond, born in Merrimack, June 23, 1848. Came to Milford

in 1894 from Amherst. Is a carpenter. Married (1) June 12, 1869, Florence D. A., daughter of Aaron and Julia A. (Morse) Holden, born in Nashua, and died Jan. 12, 1883. Married (2) Sept. 28, 1884, Luvie Estella, daughter of Charles A. and Betsey A. (Butler) Barrett, born in Antrim, March, 1866. Married (3), March 26, 1892, Mary Ninette, daughter of Martin L. and Abigail (Fernald) Blood, born in Greenville, Aug. 4, 1849.

## CHILDREN.

1. Edward Franklin, b. in Nashua, Nov. 7, 1871.
2. Delia A., b. in Bennington, Jan., 1879, and d. in Lyndeborough, March, 1879.
3. Mamie Anna, b. in Francestown, Jan., 1886.

Edward M. Pond, son of Francis E. and Eliza S. (Center) Pond, born in Merrimack, Feb. 13, 1857; came to Milford with his father in 1864; is a cabinet maker. Married, Oct. 22, 1880, Florence J., daughter of John and Harriet K. (Glines) Blanchard, born in Wilton, Sept. 17, 1864.

## CHILD.

1. Carl Franklin, b. in Milford, April 17, 1881.

William F. Pond, son of Francis E. and Eliza S. (Center) Pond, born in Nashua, Jan. 28, 1859; came to Milford with his father in 1864; is a quarryman. Married, Aug. 19, 1880, Kate E., daughter of Elijah and Caroline F. (Barnes) Putnam, born in Wilton, Aug. 1, 1864.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ethel C., b. Nov. 4, 1881, and d. Feb. 26, 1883.
2. Edith Caroline, b. Aug. 3, 1884.
3. Harold Elenwood, b. Aug. 1, 1894.

Charles M. Pond, son of James W. and Electa J. (Woolson) Pond, born in Bennington, Feb. 18, 1843; is a mechanic; came to Milford in 1869, from Bennington. Married, Nov. 27, 1872, Susan J., daughter of Thomas J. and Nancy G. (Sears) Wilkins, born in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 6, 1855.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Sidney Albert, b. June 11, 1873.
2. Grace Luella, born July 14, 1875; m. Feb. 22, 1899, William T. Terrien of Amherst. They res. in Milford.

3. George Munroe, b. July 14, 1877, and d. Nov. 12, 1895.
4. Leonard Alvin, b. April 23, 1880.
5. Jennie Electa, b. Aug. 24, 1887.

Sidney A. Pond, son of Charles M. and Susan J. (Wilkins) Pond, born in Milford, June 11, 1873; is a mechanic. Married, March 5, 1892, Iola L., daughter of Orcutt J. and Mary C. (Lawrence) Sargent, born in Templeton, Mass., July 17, 1873, and died in Milford, Jan. 8, 1896.

## CHILD.

1. Orcutt Melvin, b. in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 4, 1893, and d. in Milford, Dec. 26, 1895.

## POWERS.

Nathan Powers, son of John and Hannah (Bradley) Powers, born in Nashua, Dec. 8, 1798; was a tinsmith; came from New Ipswich to Milford in 1844, and died, Jan. 17, 1851. Married, Nov. 23, 1819, Rhoda C., daughter of Daniel and Sarah Butterfield, born in Pepperell, Mass., June 18, 1799, and died in Milford, Oct. 23, 1872.

## CHILDREN.

1. † John Alvin, b. in Townsend, Mass., March 9, 1822.
2. Lydia Ann, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 31, 1823; m. Dec. 31, 1846, William T., son of Joseph and Eleanor (Taylor) Whitten; res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. there Sept. 9, 1874.
3. Charles Brooks, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Feb. 27, 1826, and d. in Milford, Oct. 13, 1847.
4. † Albert Smith, b. in Peterborough, March 2, 1834.

John A. Powers, son of Nathan and Rhoda C. (Butterfield) Powers, born in Townsend, Mass., March 9, 1822; came to Milford with his father in 1844; was a tinsmith, in business with his father and continued in the trade until his death, Oct. 3, 1881. Married (1), Sept. 24, 1846, Lucy J. Conant, born in Lyme, March 18, 1821, and died in Milford, Sept. 20, 1851; married (2), Feb. 1, 1862, Sarah Lucinda, daughter of Asaph S. and Hannah (Colburn) Spalding, born in Hollis, June 25, 1839; now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † George Alvin, b. June 28, 1848.
2. Ella Maria, b. Aug. 19, 1865; res. in Milford; engaged in literary work.

3. Frank Walter, b. April 3, 1868, and d. Jan. 10, 1869.
4. Freddy Cooke, b. Feb. 20, 1871, and d. March 4, 1876.

Albert S. Powers, son of Nathan and Rhoda C. (Butterfield) Powers, born in Peterborough, March 2, 1834; came to Milford with his father in 1844; is a tinsmith; removed to Nashua in 1871, where he now resides. Married, Jan. 3, 1856, Sophia A., daughter of Asaph S. and Hannah (Colburn) Spalding, born in Hollis, Dec. 31, 1834, and died in Nashua, Oct. 31, 1894.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Emma Sophia, b. Feb. 15, 1859; m. Dec. 25, 1890, George, son of Mark and Sarah (Parker) Buxton of Nashua, and res. there.
2. Willie Whitten, b. May 10, 1871; is a florist, and res. in Nashua.

George A. Powers, son of John A. and Lucy J. (Conant) Powers, born in Milford, June 28, 1848. Is a tinsmith and dealer in iron and tinware. Married Oct. 24, 1872, Mary E., daughter of James C. and Mary A. (Hodgman) Moore, born in Bedford, Oct. 9, 1853.

#### CHILD.

- . Fred Elmer, b. in Milford, Nov. 21, 1881.

### PRINCE.

Wilder J. Prince, son of James U. and Louisa J. (Osgood) Prince, born in Amherst, Apr. 30, 1852. Is a blacksmith. Came from Amherst to Milford in 1889. Married Apr. 17, 1872, Martha J., daughter of Solomon and Harriet (Fletcher) Prince, born in Amherst, Jan. 6, 1853.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN AMHERST.

1. Burton Wilder, b. July 7, 1874; is a traveling salesman; res. in Kansas City, Mo.; m. March 22, 1900, Annie F., dau. of James E. and Mary A. (Robinson) Webster of Milford.
2. Louis Osgood, b. Apr. 25, 1879.

### PROCTOR.

Moses Proctor, son of Nathaniel and Olive (Goddard) Proctor, born in Hollis in 1806. Resided in Arlington and West Cambridge, Mass., and was a merchant. Came to Mil-

ford in 1863, and engaged in farming. He died Nov. 13, 1884. Married Nov. 22, 1838, Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah and Lucy (Jewett) Conant, born in Hollis in 1811, and died in Milford, Nov. 2, 1884.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN ARLINGTON, MASS.

1. Clara Elizabeth, b. in 1842; m. Owen J. Lewis of Utica, N. Y.
2. † Charles Moses, b. in 1844.
3. Frederick Jewett, b. in 1846; m. Nettie Temple; res. in Evansville, Ind.

Charles M. Proctor, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Conant) Proctor, born in Arlington, Mass., in 1844. Came to Milford with his father in 1863, and removed to Wilton in 1889. Is a farmer. Married Nov. 24, 1869, Sarah E., daughter of Gustavus and Martha (Taylor) Bartlett, born in Bristol, Feb. 4, 1845.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elizabeth Martha, b. in 1870.
2. Charles Owen, b. in 1873.
3. Walter Bartlett, b. in 1878; d. in Wilton, Apr. 20, 1900.

## PROUTY.

Holland Prouty, son of Daniel and Elsie (Palmer) Prouty, born in Langdon, Apr. 4, 1812. Came to Milford about 1848. Was a farmer, residing on road to Wilton. He died Nov. 7, 1886. Married Feb. 14, 1843, Lucy Caroline, daughter of Reuben and Lucy Hutchinson, born in Milford, Apr. 8, 1823, and died May 13, 1891.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Albert, b. Sept. 10, 1848; d. Aug. 5, 1849.
2. Charles Holland, b. July 11, 1850.

## PUTNAM.

Nathan Putnam, Jr., was born in Danvers, Mass., in 1773. He came to Milford in 1797, where he died March 12, 1842. Married Lucy Blanchard, born in Andover, Mass., in 1771, and died in Milford, Feb. 12, 1855.



## CHILDREN, TWO BORN IN DANVERS, MASS., SEVEN IN MILFORD.

1. Lucy, b. Feb. 17, 1794; d. Aug. 30, 1797.
2. Nathan, b. March 8, 1796; was a wood and lumber merchant; res. in Salem, Mass.; m. (1) Mary Abbot; (2) Caroline Messer of Claremont. He d. in Salem, Apr. 25, 1879.
3. Perley, b. March 5, 1798; d. Sept. 15, 1825.
4. Lucy, b. Aug. 3, 1800; m. Aug. 19, 1818, Nathaniel, son of Ezra and Susannah (Elliott) Woolson of Amherst; d. in Milford, Apr. 5, 1845.
5. Cyrene, b. Oct. 22, 1802; m. March 12, 1829, Dea. James Davis of New Ipswich, and d. there Sept. 2, 1834.
6. † Daniel, b. Aug. 12, 1804.
7. † Amos, b. Aug. 15, 1806.
8. Mary Janette, b. May 18, 1809; m. May 9, 1832, John G. Greenough; res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. in Chicago.
9. David, b. July 9, 1816; d. in infancy.

Daniel Putnam, son of Nathan and Lucy (Blanchard) Putnam, born in Milford, Aug. 12, 1804. Was a carpenter. Married May 8, 1832, Elizabeth, daughter of Moses and Susan (Tappan) Hale, born in Newburyport, Mass., Dec. 6, 1807, and died in Milford, May 3, 1891. He died March 31, 1881.

## CHILDREN, TWO BORN IN BOSTON, MASS., THREE IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Feb. 24, 1833; res. in Milford; unm.
2. Ann Maria, b. Aug. 20, 1834; m. Jan. 6, 1853, Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh of Milford; she d. in Boston, Mass., Nov. 29, 1879.
3. Susan Jane, b. Oct. 2, 1836; m. Apr. 23, 1867, William Blanchard, son of Jonathan and Clarissa (Hoyt) Towne; res. in Milford.
4. Sarah Helen, b. Nov. 2, 1839; m. Dec. 13, 1859, Arvin N. Gunnison of New Orleans, La., b. in New Hampshire, and after his marriage res. in Mississippi, and d. there; the widow now res. in Milford.
5. Daniel Hale, b. July 6, 1846; d. March 30, 1847.

Amos Putnam, son of Nathan and Lucy (Blanchard) Putnam, born in Milford, Aug. 15, 1806, and died there Oct. 20, 1859. Was a carpenter. Married Dec. 15, 1841, Deborah, daughter of James and Huldah (Peabody) Hill, born in Mont Vernon, Oct. 23, 1824, and now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet, b. Feb. 2, 1843; m. Feb. 3, 1864, James H., son of James B. and Sarah (Burns) Gray of Milford, and now res. there.

2. George Phillips, b. Sept. 10, 1845; d. March 12, 1846.
3. Maria Janette, b. July 13, 1847; d. June 5, 1848.
4. Samuel Everett, b. Apr. 24, 1849; is a wood molder; res. in Nashua; m. in 1868, Mary, dau. of Isaiah and Electa (Senter) Holt.
5. Lucy Jane, b. May 10, 1853; m. Feb. 12, 1874, Theodore H. Day of Worcester, Mass., and res. there.
6. Mark Perley, b. Sept. 30, 1854; is a cabinet maker; res. in Nashua; m. Nov. 18, 1875, Nellie, dau. of Thomas Heath.
7. George Phillips, b. Sept. 2, 1857; is a salesman; res. in Boston, Mass.

Hervey Putnam, son of Aaron K. and Polly (Shattuck) Putnam, born in Wilton, Sept. 21, 1820. Came to Milford in 1873. Is a carpenter. Married (1) May 11, 1843, Lavina, daughter of Martin W. and Nancy (Duncklee) Hall, born in Milford, March 29, 1823, and died June 8, 1897; (2) May 28, 1899, Caroline M., widow of Henry Coburn of Dracut, Mass., and was formerly the wife of Dr. J. Preston Kidder of Townsend, Mass., a daughter of James and Lydia (Blanchard) Barrett, born in Milford, Aug. 12, 1831.

## CHILDREN.

1. Louisa Maria, b. in Milford, Apr. 1, 1844; m. Jan. 19, 1871, William S. Phelan of Oakland, Cal., and res. there.
2. † William Kimball, b. in Antrim, Aug. 7, 1847.
3. Martin Waterman, b. in Wilton, Nov. 16, 1851; is an excursionist, and res. in San Jose, Cal.; m. Oct. 28, 1875, Anna Brown of Cleveland, Ohio.

William K. Putnam, son of Hervey and Lavina (Hall) Putnam, born in Antrim, Aug. 7, 1847, came Milford with his father in 1873, and removed to Waltham, Mass., in 1897. Is a harness maker. Married, Oct. 31, 1878, Emma N., daughter of Nahum and Mary (Baldwin) Jordan, born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1853.

## CHILD.

1. Edith Kimball, b. in Milford, Dec. 3, 1879.

Levi H. Putnam, son of Ephraim H. and Susanna (Ford) Putnam, born in Lyndeborough, Nov. 19, 1841, came to Milford in 1880 from Wilton. Is a cooper and farmer. Married

(1), April 3, 1868, Lucy A., daughter of Richard and Mary A. (Gray) Emery, born in Manchester, July 12, 1850, and died in Lyndeborough, Jan. 12, 1877; (2) March 15, 1878, Lydia I., widow of Azel H. Church and daughter of Silas and Phebe F. (Hovey) Swinington, born in Lyndeborough, May 12, 1852, and died in Milford, July 26, 1899.

CHILDREN, FOUR BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH, ONE IN MILFORD.

1. Nellie Jane, b. May 22, 1870; res. in Milford.
2. Rose Ann, b. Jan. 13, 1873; m. June 21, 1894, Jesse O., son of Charles and Sophia E. (Douglass) Chickering, and res. in Milford.
3. Anna Belle, b. Dec. 31, 1874; m. June 30, 1896, Charles, son of Richard S. and Louisa T. (Farnum) Delany of Milford, and res. in Pepperell, Mass.
4. Leroy Clarence, b. Feb. 11, 1880.
5. Albert Byron, b. Aug. 3, 1891.

QUINLAN.

John Quinlan, son of James and Margaret (Riley) Quinlan, born in Ireland, June 24, 1830, came to Milford from New York in 1855, and resides on the road to Nashua, about one mile from the town house. Is a bleacher and farmer. Married, Jan. 6, 1860, Mary A., daughter of Maurice J. and Mary A. (Mahoney) Herlehy, born in Ireland, Jan. 6, 1835.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Margaret Ann, b. Oct. 29, 1860; m. Feb. 9, 1888, Charles F., son of Joseph and Ann M. (Kidder) Johnson, and res. in Milford.
2. † William Henry, b. May 10, 1863.
3. Minnie Ellen, b. March 24, 1867; m. Jan. 31, 1898, Charles Cleveland, son of James C. and Harriet (Roby) Eastman of Nashua, and res. there.

William H. Quinlan, son of John and Mary A. (Herlehy) Quinlan, born in Milford, May 10, 1863, was a bleacher. Resided in town all his life, and died Aug. 19, 1900. Married, Jan. 18, 1896, Nellie M., daughter of Jesse C. and Olive M. (King) Lewis, born in Chelsea, Me., June 30, 1875.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John, b. Oct. 16, 1896.
2. Helen Elizabeth, b. April 25, 1899.

## RAMSDELL.

Capt. William Ramsdell, son of Abijah and Rebecca (Graves) Ramsdell, born in Lynn, Mass., April 10, 1766. Resided in Salem, Mass., until 1815, when he came to Milford. He was captain of a ship, and sailed to all parts of the world; later in life was a farmer, residing on a farm  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the village on the road to Wilton, where he died Jan. 12, 1842. Married (1), Huldah Newhall, who died a year after marriage, leaving one daughter; (2) Aug. 22, 1802, Mary, daughter of Capt. George and Emma (Phelps) Southward, born in Salem, Mass., April 6, 1774, and died in Milford, May 18, 1866.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN SALEM, MASS.

1. Love, b. Feb. 17, 1795; m. Sept. 1, 1830, William Kenney of Salem; res. there, and d. leaving one dau., Mary Kenney.
2. † William, Jr., b. May 28, 1803.
3. Mary, b. April 1, 1805; m. Sept. 1, 1830, Daniel, Jr., son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dascomb) Russell of Wilton; res. in Milford, and d. Oct. 13, 1891.
4. † Charles, b. May 4, 1807.
5. † John, b. Dec. 30, 1809.

William Ramsdell, Jr., son of William and Mary (Southward) Ramsdell, born in Salem, Mass., May 28, 1803, came to Milford with his father in 1815. Was a farmer, residing on the homestead, where he died Oct. 27, 1889. Married, Nov. 6, 1826, Maria A., daughter of Rev. Humphrey and Hannah (Peabody) Moore, born in Milford, Feb. 24, 1804, and died Feb. 4, 1878.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Humphrey, b. July 25, 1830, was a farmer; m. Nov. 24, 1874, Ella M., dau. of Granville and Martha (Marcy) Turner of Milford, and d. June 16, 1879.
2. Hannah Peabody, b. Sept. 9, 1831, was a teacher; d. April 10, 1864, unm.
3. Mary Maria, b. Jan. 5, 1833, and d. May 13, 1833.
4. † George Allen, b. March 11, 1834.
5. Charles Augustus, b. Jan. 15, 1836, is a merchant, res. in Winchester, Mass.; m. Nov. 8, 1855, Sarah M., dau. of Ebenezer H. and Sarah (Wood) Balch.
6. Maria Moore, b. Jan. 15, 1836, and d. June 10, 1837.
7. Timothy Harradon, b. Jan. 5, 1840, and d. Sept. 23, 1841.
8. Edward E., b. Jan. 5, 1840, and d. Oct. 2, 1841.



Charles Ramsdell, son of William and Mary (Southward) Ramsdell, born in Salem, Mass., May 4, 1807, was a mariner and later a farmer. \* Resided in Lowell, Mass., in Brookline, in Nashua, and in Montgomery, Tex., where he died Dec. 22, 1863. Married (1), Jan. 18, 1830, Adaline, daughter of Josiah and Rebecca (Blanchard) French, born in Milford, Feb. 4, 1807, and died there Sept. 10, 1837; (2) June 7, 1838, Sarah J., daughter of Willard and Olive (Bowers) Marshall, born in Nashua, Feb. 20, 1814, and died in Austin, Tex., Oct. 18, 1881.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Adaline, b. in Milford, Aug. 13, 1832, and d. Oct. 30, 1832.
2. Mary Adaline, b. in Brookline, Feb. 28, 1836; m. May 27, 1856, Daniel C. Lull of Manchester, and res. in Lowell, Mass.
3. Rebecca F., b. in Brookline, July 7, 1837, and d. Jan. 13, 1838.
4. Augusta H., b. in Nashua, Sept. 10, 1839; d. in Montgomery, Tex., Aug. 21, 1865.
5. Charles Henry, b. in Nashua, Feb. 21, 1842, is a farmer, res. in Bruceville, Tex.; m. Sept. 3, 1874, Augusta, dau. of Robert Halley of Salado, Tex.
6. Henrietta R., b. in Nashua, Feb. 19, 1843; m. (1) Nov. 3, 1861, John Winters of Waverly, Tex.; (2) April 15, 1874, John L., son of William D. and Sarah E. (Gregory) Vredenburg of Mont Vernon, N. Y., and res. in Austin, Tex.
7. Adaline French, b. in Nashua, May 19, 1845; m. (1) Oct. 21, 1861, Frank S. Curtis of New York, (2) June 8, 1882, Robert S., son of Luke and Olive (Baldwin) Sweetman of Austin, Tex.; res. in Lakeland, Fla., and d. there, July 25, 1895.

John Ramsdell, son of William and Mary (Southward) Ramsdell, born in Salem, Mass., Dec. 3, 1809, came to Milford with his father in 1815, and removed to Orange, Mass., in 1847, thence to Tama, Tama Co., Ia., where he now resides. Is a farmer. Married (1), Dec. 29, 1829, Taseah Theresa, daughter of Rev. Humphrey and Hannah (Peabody) Moore, born in Milford, Jan. 7, 1810, and died in Richland, Ia., April 14, 1864; (2) Feb. 2, 1865, Sarah E., widow of — Stearns and daughter of Luther and Harriet (Russell) Dascomb, born in Wilton, July 4, 1834.

## CHILDREN.

1. John Moore, b. in Milford, March 28, 1830, is a manufacturer of farm implements; res. in Toledo, Ia.; m. March 15, 1857,



Martha A., dau. of John and Mary (Thompson) Gregg of Richland, Tama Co.

2. Charles Erskine, b. in Lyndeborough, July 30, 1831; res. in Toledo, Ia., a retired farmer; m. Jan. 10, 1863, Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Rachel Harvey of Richland, Tama Co.
3. Theodore George, b. in Milford, Feb. 8, 1833, is a manufacturer of cotton, res. in Housatonic, Mass.; m. June 12, 1873, Mary B., dau. of Thomas H. and Hannah B. (Smith) Spencer of West Stockbridge, Mass.
4. Francis Herbert, born in Milford, April 10, 1835; is a farmer; res. in Haven, Ia.; m. (1) July, 1860, Sarah Hisey; m. (2) Jan. 1, 1869, Julia, dau. of John Staley.
5. Henry Emmons, b. in Milford, Aug. 28, 1837; is a miller; res. in Tama, Tama county, Ia.; m. April 3, 1860, Sophia, dau. of Alva and Elizabeth (Cross) Flint of Richland, Ia.
6. Maria Theresa, b. in Milford, Jan. 3, 1839, and d. there, Aug. 17, 1839.
7. Maria Theresa, b. in Milford, Oct. 6, 1841; m. Dec. 15, 1859, Thomas A., son of Andrew and Anna (Townsend) Hopkins, and res. in Keosauqua, Ia.
8. Edward Ellis, b. in Milford, May 13, 1844; is a hotel landlord; res. in Armstrong, Ia.; m. (1) Jan. 1873, Ella, dau. of John Homan; m. (2) in 1876, Rosa, dau. of Judge Graham.
9. Frederic Benden, b. in Orange, Mass., Aug. 7, 1848; is a manufacturer of brooms; res. in Tama; m. Dec., 1873, Lettie Whitmore of Richland, Ia.
10. Mary Russell, b. in Haven, Ia., May 16, 1870; res. with her parents; unm.

George A. Ramsdell, son of William, Jr. and Maria A. (Moore) Ramsdell, born in Milford, March 11, 1834; was a lawyer; resided in Nashua, where he died Nov. 16, 1900. Married, Nov. 29, 1860, Eliza D., daughter of David and Margaret (Dinsmore) Wilson, born in Deering, Sept. 7, 1836.

## CHILDREN.

1. Harry William, b. in Peterborough, Feb. 1, 1862; is collector of taxes; res. in Nashua; m. Nov. 21, 1883, Mary L., dau. of Col. Charles and Charlotte M. (Wilkins) Scott of Peterborough.
2. Arthur Dinsmore, b. in Peterborough, Aug. 2, 1863; is a dealer in horses; res. in Nashua; unm.
3. Charles Theodore, b. in Amherst, July 6, 1865; is postmaster and bank cashier; res. in Denton, Texas; m. Nov. 16, 1892, Mrs. Jessie M. Austin, dau. of Thomas A. and Nannie E. (Chinn) Lowry of New Orleans, La.

4. Annie Maria, b. in Nashua, Dec. 8, 1873; is an artist; res. in Nashua; unm.

### RAND.

John Rand, son of Nehemiah, Jr., and Sarah (Batten) Rand, born in Francestown, April 22, 1807; was a farmer; resided on road to Lyndeborough; came from that town in 1852, and died March 10, 1884. Married, Oct. 30, 1832, Fanny D., daughter of Eliphalet and Demarius (Duncklee) Simonds, born in Milford, May 21, 1809, and died there, June 1, 1870.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. John Milton, b. Dec. 1, 1834; is a physician; res. in Newark, N. J.; m. July, 1857, Orlene A., dau. of Wesley and Rachel (Caldwell) Wilson of Bennington.
2. Stillman Nehemiah, b. July 2, 1837; is a photographer; res. in New Haven, Conn.; m. Jan. 26, 1882, Belle M., dau. of William and Jane (Philips) Cameron of Philadelphia.

Nehemiah Rand, the grandfather of John, owned Bunker Hill during the Revolution.

### RAYMOND.

John G. Raymond, son of Jesse G. and Betsey (Dale) Raymond, born in Mont Vernon, Sept., 1816, came to Milford in 1841; removed to New Boston in 1855 and returned in 1858, and died, Jan. 14, 1885; was a blacksmith. Married (1), Oct. 8, 1839, Roxanna, daughter of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 21, 1815, and died, March 31, 1854; married (2), March 20, 1856, Abbie, daughter of John and Rosanna (Mills) Bullard, born in Hyde Park, Vt., Sept. 4, 1819, and died in New Boston, March 11, 1858; married (3), March 20, 1877, Nancy J., widow of William W. Hill and daughter of Richard Cilley, born in Dunbarton in 1816, and died Dec. 23, 1891.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Rebecca Goodell, b. in Milford, Aug. 27, 1840, and d. Aug. 12, 1854.
2. Abbie Josephine, b. in Milford, Aug. 31, 1848; m. Oct. 11, 1879, Albert S., son of Samuel and Abbie E. (Reynolds) Conant of Lyndeborough, and res. there.

3. David Edward, born in New Boston, Jan. 14, 1857; is a shoe inspector; res. in Keene; m. Sept. 14, 1884, Lucy, dau. of George W. and Eliza M. (Read) Mansfield of Gilsum.

George Andrew Raymond, son of Andrew W. and Abbie (Stevens) Raymond, born in Mont Vernon, July 1, 1849; is a farmer; came to Milford in 1880. Married, May 11, 1880, Josephine A., daughter of Joseph P. and Lucy A. (Woodbury) Bailey, born in South Weare, March 31, 1862.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clarence Andrew, b. March 27, 1881.
2. Grace Bailey, b. May 31, 1884.

## RICH.

David C. Rich, son of Constant B. and Mary (Cory) Rich, born in Moriah, N. Y., June 20, 1811; was a miller; came to Milford in 1845, from Montpelier, Vt., and died, Oct. 5, 1881. Married, Aug. 15, 1838, Agnes S., daughter of Francis and Fanny (Knowlton) Lynch, born in Milford, Oct. 28, 1815, and died in Lynn, Mass., Sept. 9, 1898.

## CHILDREN.

1. Emma Eliza, born in Montpelier, June 2, 1843, and d. in Milford, July 24, 1852.
2. † Marcus Clarence, b. in Milford, Sept. 14, 1845.
3. Howard Frank, b. in Milford, Dec. 15, 1850, and d. July 24, 1852.

Marcus C. Rich, son of David C. and Agnes S. (Lynch) Rich, born in Milford, Sept. 14, 1845; is a carpenter; removed from Milford in 1882, and now resides in Lynn, Mass. Married, Sept. 14, 1869, Sarah F., daughter of James B. and Adaline (Gutterson) Gray, born in Wilton, Oct. 18, 1847.

## CHILD.

1. Harris Kimball, born in Milford, Dec. 7, 1873; is a clerk; res. in Lynn, Mass.

## RICHARDSON.

William Richardson, Jr., son of William and Mary (Pearson) Richardson, born in Lyndeborough, July 1, 1791. Was a farmer and came to Milford in 1848 from Lyndeborough, and resided on a place near the railroad station on the road to

Wilton, where he died May 20, 1858. Married, May 21, 1814, Lydia Putnam, born in Lyndeborough, Aug. 9, 1796, and d. in Milford, Jan. 9, 1865.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH.

1. Mary, b. July 28, 1815; m. Nov. 3, 1839, Thomas Dunning, of Nashua, res. there, and d. Feb. 25, 1841.
2. Eliza, b. Nov. 14, 1816; m. Dec. 25, 1839, Benjamin F., son of Benjamin and Azubah (Tarbell) Hutchinson, of Milford, and res. there.
3. †William Putnam, b. Sept. 11, 1818.
4. Caroline, b. July 3, 1820; d. in April, 1824.
5. Hannah, b. May 6, 1822; m. June 16, 1842, Nathaniel Marshall, of Nashua, and res. there.
6. John, b. July 7, 1824; was a mill overseer; res. in Mechanic's Falls, where he d. Oct. 7, 1893; m. May 1, 1854, Jane Dwinel.
7. David Gage, b. March 30, 1826; is a cabinet maker and res. in Reading, Mass.; m. Nov. 28, 1854, Susan Bancroft of Reading.
8. Jonathan Pearsons, b. April 2, 1828; was a farmer; enlisted into the army in the War of 1861, and d. in the prison at Danville, Va., Nov. 18, 1864; m. Dec. 14, 1852, Malvina Tyler of Lyndeborough.
9. Lydia Ann, b. Feb. 25, 1830; m. May 4, 1868, Eugene, Jr., son of Eugene and Susan (Danforth) Hutchinson; res. in Milford and Merrimack, and d. in New Mexico, Jan. 12, 1885.
10. †Charles, b. Feb. 15, 1839.

William P. Richardson, son of William and Lydia (Putnam) Richardson, born in Lyndeborough, Sept. 11, 1818. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1849 from Reading, Mass., and died in Milford, Jan. 9, 1893. Married, April 15, 1845, Julia Ann, daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Chase) Godkin, born in Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 11, 1823. Now resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Julia Isadore, b. in Reading, Mass., July 19, 1847; is a teacher; res. in Milford, unm.
2. Frank William, b. in Milford, Oct. 19, 1851; was a dealer in ready made clothing; res. in Milford where he d. April 2, 1900; m. June 8, 1897, Ada F., dau. of John Pierce and Sarah E. (Folansbee) Perham of Milford.

Charles A. Richardson, son of William and Lydia (Putnam) Richardson, born in Lyndeborough, Feb. 15, 1839. Is



a farmer. Came to Milford with his father, and resides on the place formerly owned by Eugene Hutchinson on the road to Wilton. Married, April 16, 1865, Abbie Theresa, daughter of Eugene, Jr., and Phebe B. (Raymond) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Nov. 7, 1844.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Henry, b. Oct. 30, 1867; is a collector; resides in Lynn, Mass.; m. Oct. 9, 1895, Dora, dau. of Lockhard W. and Elizabeth (Ward) Baxter, of Somerville, Mass.
2. Ada Medora, b. June 10, 1869; m. May 14, 1891, Kenneth, son of Peter and Mary (Matherson) Huse, of Boston, Mass. They res. in Milford.
3. Hattie Eugenia, b. Aug. 15, 1872; is a teacher; res. in Denver, Col.
4. Harry Putnam, b. July 16, 1877; res. in Durham; is superintendent of college farm.
5. Arthur Charles, b. June 16, 1882.

## RIDEOUT.

Jacob Rideout, son of Benjamin and Sarah (—) Rideout, born in Wilton, July 27, 1789. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1817, from Wilton and resided on a place in school district No. 4, in the west part of the town, where he died May 7, 1863. Married, in 1814, Sally, daughter of Joseph Simonds, born in Wilton, March 9, 1790, and died there March 5, 1876.

## CHILDREN.

1. Jacob, Jr., b. in Wilton, April 23, 1815; was a farmer; res. in Mason and in Wilton, where he d. Jan. 30, 1881; m. April 12, 1841, Lydia, dau. of Amos and Sally (Wright) Peabody of Milford.
2. Phebe, b. in Wilton, May 19, 1817; m. April 6, 1841, George, son of Cutter Kimball, of Mason; res. in Fitchburg, Mass., and d. there Feb. 23, 1861.
3. †Abel T., b. in Milford, March 23, 1819.
4. Nancy A., b. in Milford, July 17, 1823; m. Feb. 17, 1852, John, son of James and Ruth (Stiles) Hutchinson, of Wilton, and res. there.
5. Joseph Harvey, b. in Milford, Nov. 23, 1825; is a market gardener; m. Sept. 14, 1847, Adelaide Holden of Lunenburg, Mass., and res. there.
6. Amanda M., b. in Milford, June 21, 1828; m. April 12, 1849, Horace W. Wilson, of New Ipswich, and d. in Clinton, Mass., March 11, 1854.



Abel T. Rideout, son of Jacob and Sally (Simonds) Rideout, born in Milford, March 23, 1819. Is a farmer. Removed to Amherst in 1854. Married Feb. 6, 1845, Augusta P., daughter of Moses and Susanna L. (Barron) Squires, born in Milford, July 18, 1824.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Augusta, b. in Milford, Aug. 17, 1847; d. Oct. 6, 1854.
2. Susan Maria, b. in Milford, Aug. 15, 1851; d. Sept. 12, 1854.
3. Albert Mason, b. in Amherst, Oct. 2, 1855; d. Aug. 19, 1857.

Dustin Rideout, son of Calvin and Hannah (Ranger) Rideout, born in Hollis, July 17, 1834. Was a mechanic. Came to Milford from Mont Vernon in 1865, and died Oct. 26, 1894. Married Nov. 20, 1857, Harriet A., daughter of Hiram and Annis J. (Moore) Wood, born in Nashua, Dec. 2, 1837, and now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Will Edgar, b. in Lowell, Mass., March 21, 1859; is a shoemaker; res. in Lynn, Mass.; m. May 30, 1893, Addie J., dau. of Israel D. and Sarah J. (Robinson) Woodman of Hancock.
2. Meretta Annis, b. in Milford, Oct. 13, 1865; is a nurse; res. in Lynn, Mass.
3. Helen Gertrude, b. in Milford, June 12, 1874; d. Aug. 12, 1877.

Charles G. Rideout, son of Gardner and Lucretia (Wilson) Rideout, born in Nashua, June 6, 1840. Was a farmer. Came from New Boston in 1865, and resided on the place formerly owned by Ebenezer Averill, near the Mont Vernon line, and died there Oct. 30, 1889. Married Sept. 26, 1865, Rosaline D., daughter of Levi and Fanny B. (Averill) Curtis, born in Milford, Sept. 26, 1845.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nellie Frances, b. July 17, 1869; m. March 12, 1892, Edward B., son of George and Harriet (Marden) Hall; res. on the home-  
stead.
2. Leon Clarence, b. Dec. 8, 1870; is a farmer; res. in Milford;  
unm.

## ROBERTSON.

John N. Robertson, son of James and Matilda (Newton) Robertson, born in Maryland, Sept. 25, 1858. Is an engi-

neer. Came to Milford from Boston, Mass., in 1890. Married March 3, 1887, Matilda, daughter of William and Mary (King) McGill, born in Harvard, Mass., Sept. 4, 1858.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ernestine Thorn, b. March 13, 1891.
2. Gertrude Essiette, b. Dec. 25, 1892.
3. Albert Newton, b. Oct. 9, 1894.

## ROBINSON.

William N. Robinson, son of William and Hannah (Newton) Robinson, born in Hancock, Jan. 31, 1846. Is a provision dealer. Came to Milford, in 1863, from Hancock. Married Nov. 16, 1870, Ella Augusta, daughter of John E. and Sarah J. (Whittemore) Bruce, born in Milford, Nov. 24, 1850.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Carroll Bruce, b. June 6, 1873.
2. Charles Whittemore, b. March 26, 1877.
3. Amy, b. March 26, 1879.

## ROSSITER.

Pomeroy M. Rossiter, born in Claremont, Dec. 4, 1810. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1832, from Claremont, and removed to Claremont in 1879. Resided, while living in Milford, on a farm near the village, on road to Mont Vernon. Served on the board of selectmen in 1845, '56, '58, and '59, and was representative in General Court from Claremont in 1885, and died in Claremont, Dec. 29, 1895. Married Nov. 15, 1836, Eliza, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Crehore) Tucker, born in Milford, Apr. 9, 1815, and died June 7, 1874.

## CHILD.

1. Charles Pomeroy, b. in Milford, Jan. 5, 1848; was a farmer; res. in Claremont, where he d. Aug. 28, 1896; m. Oct. 23, 1871, Kate, dau. of Jesse C. Pushee of Nashua.

John Rossiter, son of Michael and Mary (Doyle) Rossiter, born in Ireland, April 7, 1852; is a farmer; came to Milford from Wilmington, Mass., in 1888. Married, May 25, 1875,

Lizzie, daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Whalen) Doyle, born in Ireland, July 4, 1860.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Michael Thomas, b. in Ireland, Jan. 27, 1879.
2. John Joseph, b. in Ireland, April 27, 1881.
3. Laurence, b. in Woburn, Mass., Oct. 18, 1883.
4. Mamie, b. in Woburn, Mass., Jan. 23, 1885.
5. Nellie, b. in Wilmington, Mass., Oct. 15, 1887.
6. Annie, b. in Milford, Nov. 24, 1889.
7. Maggie, b. in Milford, Oct. 12, 1891.
8. Joseph, b. in Milford, May 23, 1893.
9. Elizabeth, b. in Milford, April 12, 1895, and d. aged 16 hours.
10. Francis A., b. in Milford, April 18, 1896.
11. Martin, b. in Milford, Sept. 13, 1898.

#### ROTCH.

William B. Rotch, son of Albert A. and Helen R. (Boylston) Rotch, born in Amherst, June 6, 1859, is an editor and publisher, coming from Amherst in 1895. Married, Oct. 17, 1882, Grace M., daughter of Joseph W. and Susan C. (Hunt) Burrell of Weymouth, Mass. She was born in Camden, Ala.

#### CHILD.

1. Arthur Boylston, b. in Amherst, March 24, 1887.

#### ROYLEIGH.

George W. Royleigh, son of James and Susan H. (McCoy) Raleigh, born in Goffstown, Sept. 6, 1823; was a veterinary surgeon; came to Milford in 1845, from Antrim, and died in Goffstown, Nov. 16, 1895. Married (1), Dec. 31, 1845, Lucy, daughter of Benjamin and Azubah (Tarbell) Hutchinson, born in Milford, May 14, 1820, and died Aug. 12, 1872; married (2), Sept. 8, 1885, Mary Jane Wheeler, widow of Joel Wheeler and daughter of Hiram and Relief (Quimby) Noyse, born in Bennington, Vt., and now resides in Cambridge, N. Y.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ella Miranda, b. June 1, 1847; m. March 6, 1871, John, son of John S. and Charlotte (Leland) Fales of Milford; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there June 16, 1882.
2. Kate Emilyette, b. Nov. 7, 1856, and d. March 9, 1857.

## RYAN.

Edmund Ryan, son of James and Bridget (Toomey) Ryan, born in Ireland, Feb. 11, 1823; came to Milford in 1854, from New York, and has resided a few years in Amherst; has been a farmer; now resides in the village; engaged in raising poultry and eggs. He was the first Irishman to vote in Milford. Married, Feb. 4, 1850, Ellen, daughter of William H. and Carrie A. (McGrath) Many, born in Ireland, Dec. 13, 1827.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Ann, b. in Connecticut, Oct. 13, 1850; d. in New York city, March 6, 1852.
2. Thomas Henry, b. in New York city, March 8, 1852, and d. there March 11, 1852.
3. † James William, b. in New York city, May 31, 1854.
4. William Henry, b. in Milford, May 8, 1856; is a painter; res. in Fitchburg, Mass.; m. June 1, 1881, Lizzie F. Duffy of Brookfield, Mass.
5. Mary Ellen, b. in Milford, March 26, 1858; m. Nov. 22, 1881, Albert H., son of Charles and Sarah S. (Winn) Tarbell of Milford.
6. Edmund Lawrence, b. in Amherst, Nov. 19, 1860, and d. there Nov. 26, 1860.
7. Caroline, b. in Amherst, Oct. 29, 1862, and d. there Nov. 5, 1862.
8. Edmund Lawrence, b. in Amherst, June 3, 1864; is an insurance agent, and res. in Boston, Mass.
9. John Francis, b. in Milford, Oct. 17, 1866; was a paper hanger; res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. there Dec. 29, 1899.
10. Thomas Jerry, b. in Milford, Dec. 30, 1868; d. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1869.

James W. Ryan, son of Edmund and Ellen (Many) Ryan, born in New York city, May 31, 1854; has been a watchman; is now a teamster; resides in Milford. Married, Sept. 14, 1873, Eliza, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Sheehan) Condon, born in Ireland, March 16, 1853.

## CHILDREN.

1. Thomas Henry, b. in Springfield, Mass., May 9, 1874; m. Jan. 24, 1899, Mary Lavin of Boston, Mass., and res. there.
2. Mary Ellen, b. in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 25, 1875; was a mill operative, and res. in Milford; m. Oct. 3, 1900, Samuel L., son of Peter and Bridget O'Neil of Hollis, and res. there.
3. Lizzie, b. in Milford, March 22, 1887.
4. Annie, b. in Milford, Oct. 14, 1889.

## SANDERSON.

James Sanderson, son of Isaac and Eunice (Bolton) Sanderson, born in Harvard, Mass., May 19, 1824. Came to Milford in 1849 from Hudson. Is a farmer, residing on place in the south part of town formerly owned by David Woolson, and later by his son, David, Jr. Married, Nov. 9, 1849, Betsey, daughter of Robert and Lydia (Barrett) McQuesten, born in Litchfield, June 6, 1822.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Lizzie, b. Jan. 7, 1859; m. Sept. 8, 1888, Leander C., son of Henry and Mary (Hubbard) Sanderson of Milford, and res. there.
2. Eugene James, b. Oct. 30, 1862; is a farmer and mechanic; m. Apr. 27, 1898, Alice L., dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth O. (Arlin) Wheeler of Milford, and res. there.
3. Clarence Eaton, b. Nov. 26, 1866; is a farmer; res. on homestead; m. Dec. 7, 1898, Anstis E., dau. of Albert H. and Abbie E. (Draper) Emery of Milford.

Leander C. Sanderson, son of Henry and Mary (Hubbard) Sanderson, born in Mont Vernon, March 19, 1852. Is a carpenter. Came to Milford when a young man, residing in the village. Married, Sept. 8, 1888, Mary L., daughter of James and Betsey (McQuesten) Sanderson, born in Milford, Jan. 7, 1859.

## CHILD.

1. Gladys Beth, b. in Leominster, Mass., Aug. 17, 1889.

## SARGENT.

Ebenezer Sargent, born in Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 25, 1755. Was a farmer. Came to Milford about 1780, and settled on a place near the Milford Springs, where he died Nov. 8, 1838. Married, Apr. 29, 1783, Mary Marsh, born in Pelham, Oct. 9, 1762, and died in Milford, July 2, 1830.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ebenezer, Jr., b. March 28, 1784; rem. to Henrietta, N. Y., and thence to Brighton, where he d. Sept. 9, 1839; m. (1) Sept. 14, 1806, Elizabeth Skimmer of Newburyport, Mass.; (2) Sept. 26, 1826, Mary, dau. of Benjamin and Esther (Taylor) Wright of Hollis.



2. Mary Tucker, b. Oct. 2, 1785; m. Sept. 17, 1807, Abijah, son of Abijah and Sarah (Spalding) Gould of Hollis; res. in Rochester, N. Y., where she d. July 2, 1830.
3. † John, b. Aug. 8, 1787.
4. Ruth, b. Apr. 23, 1789; m. June 15, 1809, Isaac Fletcher of Hollis; res. there, and d. June 6, 1866.
5. Lydia, b. May 3, 1791; m. Oct. 29, 1812, Benjamin Rogers of Hollis; res. there, and d. in Nashua, Dec. 8, 1875.
6. David M., b. Oct. 22, 1793; d. July 27, 1861; m. Eliza.
7. † Jacob, b. Feb. 15, 1796.
8. Amos, b. July 3, 1798; d. March 21, 1816.
9. Willis, b. June 1, 1800; d. Aug. 19, 1818.
10. William, b. May 25, 1803; d. Feb. 3, 1827.

John Sargent, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Marsh) Sargent, born in Milford, Aug. 8, 1787. Was a farmer, residing in Milford. Died in Hollis, July 20, 1857. Married Martha, daughter of Joseph Symonds, born in Wilton, Feb. 15, 1787, and died in Hollis, Dec. 28, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † John Marsh, b. March 23, 1814.
2. Martha Ann, b. Feb. 29, 1816; m. Apr. 16, 1840, Horace, son of Jacob and Sarah (Wilkins) Peabody of Mont Vernon; they res. in Milford; she now res. in Wilton.
3. James, b. 1818; d. May 13, 1820.
4. William B., b. July 11, 1825; was a farmer; m. Maria Patch of Hollis, and res. there; d. in Nashua, Aug. 8, 1860.

Jacob Sargent, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Marsh) Sargent, born in Milford, Feb. 15, 1796. Resided on the homestead, where he died May 3, 1873. Married, Oct. 31, 1822, Asenath, daughter of John and Sarah (Ames) Blunt, born in Amherst, Jan. 13, 1798, and died in Milford, March 20, 1877.

## CHILDREN.

1. Jacob Emery, b. in Amherst, July 21, 1825; is a merchant, and res. in Whitehall, Mich.; m. Nov. 23, 1848, Rebecca J., dau. of John and Rebecca (Abbott) Mooar of Hollis.
2. Frances Eliza, b. in Amherst, July 8, 1829; m. March 22, 1859, John, son of Francis and Lydia (Peabody) Peabody of Amherst; they res. in Brookline; after his decease she returned to Amherst, and now res. there.
3. † Daniel Webster, b. in Milford, May 9, 1832.

John M. Sargent, son of John and Martha (Symonds) Sargent, born in Milford, March 23, 1814. Was a farmer, residing in Milford, and died in Amherst. Jan. 19, 1898. Married, in May, 1837, Hannah, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Wilkins) Peabody, born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 22, 1816, and died in Milford, Sept. 3, 1883.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hattie Maria, b. Feb. 25, 1843; m. June 3, 1869, Horatio, son of Horatio and Amanda (Miller) Gleason of New York city; they res. in Lynn, Mass.
2. Eliza Jane, b. Sept. 5, 1844; m. July 27, 1870, Noah D., son of Lemuel N. and Rebecca (Jaquith) Wright of Milford; they res. in Amherst.

Daniel W. Sargent, son of Jacob and Asenath (Blunt) Sargent, born in Milford, May 9, 1832. Is a farmer and carpenter. Resided on the homestead until 1890, when he removed to California; resides in Redlands. Married (1), Oct. 23, 1855, Lucy M., daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Greeley) Ober, born in Amherst, May 16, 1838, and died in Milford, Dec. 29, 1893; (2) May 20, 1896, Mary, daughter of Seymour and Drucilla (Luce) Sloan, born in Kingsville, Ohio, Jan. 3, 1839.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clara M., b. Nov. 8, 1857; d. Feb. 18, 1858.
2. † Willis Daniel, b. Aug. 23, 1864.
3. Charles Henry, b. June 24, 1866; is a grocer, and res. in Redlands, Cal.; m. May 25, 1888, Mattie A., dau. of Gardner and Charlotte (Leonard) Clark of Milford.

Willis D. Sargent, son of Daniel W. and Lucy M. (Ober) Sargent, born in Milford, Aug. 23, 1864. Is a clerk, residing in Milford. Married (1), Oct. 28, 1886, Laura A., daughter of Gardner and Charlotte (Leonard) Clarke, born in Glover, Vt., May 24, 1862, and d. in Milford, July 16, 1887; (2) Aug. 23, 1889, Mary G., daughter of William W. and Mary O. (Clapp) Hemenway, born in Holliston, Mass., Sept. 13, 1865.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ralph Daniel, b. July 15, 1887; d. in Nashua, Aug. 6, 1887.
2. Edward Hale, b. Aug. 15, 1890; d. March 22, 1891.

3. Ray Hemenway, b. Nov. 1, 1891,
4. Claude Ober, b. Dec. 11, 1893.
5. Edna Frances, b. Oct. 15, 1896.

Daniel Sargent, Jr., son of Daniel and Charlotte (Winslow) Sargent, born in Goffstown, Aug. 14, 1823. Came to Milford in 1844 from New Boston. Was a quarryman, and died April 27, 1874, from the effects of a premature blast in the quarry a few days previous. Married (1) Aug. 31, 1846, Nancy E., daughter of John and Betsey (Moore) Wellman, born in Lyndeborough, Feb. 24, 1823; (2) Oct. 16, 1864, Ann Jane, daughter of Noah B. and Mary (Hopkins) Hutchinson, born in Mont Vernon, May 15, 1836, now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Frank Daniel, b. in Milford, Oct. 29, 1853; d. Nov. 8, 1862.
2. Willie, b. in Mont Vernon, Sept. 5, 1865; d. March 11, 1866.
3. Edwin Daniel, b. in Mont Vernon, Sept. 2, 1867; is a mechanic; res. in Mont Vernon; m. Feb. 28, 1899, Bertha, dau. of Sylvester S. and Nettie (Schlim) Osborne of Nashua.
4. Myrtie Ardell, b. in Mont Vernon, Apr. 21, 1869; m. May 30, 1893, Frank G., son of George and Mary (Daniels) Easter; res. in Milford.
5. Eva Bell, b. in Mont Vernon, March 6, 1871; d. in Milford, Dec. 28, 1875.

Franklin W. Sargent, son of Daniel and Charlotte (Winslow) Sargent, born in Goffstown, Dec. 4, 1826. Came to Milford in 1852 from New Boston. Is an engineer. Married, Sept. 22, 1855, Harriet E., daughter of Asa and Nancy (Crosby) Burns, born in Milford, Jan. 22, 1838.

## CHILD.

1. Charles Winslow, b. in Milford, Aug. 7, 1861; d. May 25, 1862.

John S. Sargent, son of Jeremiah H. and Sarah G. (Mayo) Sargent, born in Unity, Dec. 22, 1837. Is a farmer. Came to Milford in 1866 from Greenville. Married, June 10, 1865, Abbie M., daughter of Cyrus and Lucinda (Tarbell) Putnam, born in Mason, March 4, 1841.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nettie May, b. Dec. 27, 1866; m. June 11, 1890, Elmer J., son of Jackson and Emily (Hayden) Rideout of Brookline, and res. there.

2. John Albert, b. Sept. 6, 1868; d. May 18, 1873.
3. Perley Clifford, b. Sept. 7, 1877; res. in Milford on the farm with his father.

Jacob K. Sargent, son of Jeremiah H. and Sarah G. (Mayo) Sargent, born in Acworth, Feb. 25, 1840. Is a butcher. Came to Milford in 1870 from North Weare. Married August, 1867, Mary A., daughter of Amos and Mary (Hanson) Chase, born in Weare, March 8, 1846, and died in Milford, Nov. 24, 1894.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Henry Amos, b. Sept. 6, 1874.
2. Lena Mary, b. Oct. 12, 1876; m. Feb. 24, 1897, Charles G., son of George A. and Jennie (Perkins) Avery of Milford.

Henry A. Sargent, son of Jacob K. and Mary A. (Chase) Sargent, born in Milford, Sept. 6, 1874. Is a mechanic. Married, Sept. 19, 1895, Eva Louise, daughter of Eugene L. and Emma L. (Colburn) Nelson, born in Milford, June 9, 1876.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Carl Nelson, b. Sept. 29, 1896.
2. Mary Arline, b. Jan. 29, 1898.

Orcutt J. Sargent, son of Enoch P. and Jane (Jameson) Sargent, born in Goffstown, Sept. 6, 1845. Is a farmer. Came to Milford in 1891 from Mont Vernon. Married, Sept. 25, 1871, Mary C., daughter of Nathaniel and Charlotte C. (Buxton) Lawrence, born in Tyngsboro, Mass., July 20, 1845.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Iola Lottie, b. in Templeton, Mass., July 17, 1873; m. March 5, 1892, Sidney A., son of Charles M. and Susan J. (Wilkins) Pond of Milford; res. there; d. Jan. 8, 1896.
2. Edith Belle, b. in Mont Vernon, Aug. 28, 1878; res. in Milford.
3. Flossie Imogene, b. in Mont Vernon, Sept. 6, 1882; d. in Milford, Jan. 4, 1895.

#### SAVAGE.

John J. Savage, son of William and Joanna (Hodge) Savage, born in Greenfield, May 20, 1821. Is a farmer, and came to Milford in 1854 from Greenfield, and now owns the



place formerly owned by Isaac Burns in west part of the town. Married (1), June 14, 1853, Lucretia F., daughter of John and Ruth (Fletcher) Gould. born in Greenfield, Nov. 15, 1822, and died in Milford, Dec. 9, 1875; (2) May 10, 1877, Lucy, daughter of Royal and Abigail (Howard) Hutchinson, born in Milford, July 17, 1824, and died in Milford, Jan. 10, 1889.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Maria, b. March 5, 1857; d. Apr. 9, 1857.
2. † John Frederic, b. Dec. 26, 1858.

George B. Savage, son of William and Joanna (Hodge) Savage, born in Greenfield, Jan. 8, 1823. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1886 from Auburn, and resided on a place near the railroad crossing and station on road to Wilton, where he died Jan. 2, 1892. Married, Jan. 4, 1848, Susan, daughter of Eugene and Susan (Danforth) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Feb. 3, 1816.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Eugene Alphonso, b. in Francestown, Dec. 6, 1850.
2. Georgianna, b. in Francestown, March 4, 1853; d. May 4, 1854.
3. Rosabelle, b. in Wilton, Feb. 20, 1855; d. in Auburn, Jan. 10, 1885; unm.

John F. Savage, son of John J. and Lucretia F. (Gould) Savage, born in Milford, Dec. 26, 1858. Is a farmer, and resides with his father. Married, Sept. 1, 1894, Ida J., daughter of Charles A. and Ida (Lancy) Goodwin, born in Canaan, June 29, 1872.

## CHILD.

1. Ralph, b. in Milford, March 10, 1895.

Eugene A. Savage, son of George B. and Susan (Hutchinson) Savage, born in Francestown, Dec. 6, 1850. Came to Milford in 1886 from Londonderry. Is a farmer. residing on road to Wilton. Married, Nov. 25, 1880, Alice B., daughter of Benjamin M. and Clara (Vincent) Barron, born in Woodstock, Apr. 19, 1851.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN LONDONDERRY.

1. Arthur Barron, b. Sept. 12, 1881.
2. Frank Mitchell, b. Sept. 30, 1883.

## SAWTELLE.

John Sawtelle, born Oct. 15, 1773, came to Milford in 1796; was a farmer, and resided on the place now owned by Mrs. Kent on old road to Brookline. Removed to Hollis in 1813, and died there June 19, 1828. Married April 19, 1797, Martha, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Leeman) Wallingford, born in Milford, March 26, 1774, and died in Hollis, Feb. 18, 1834.

## CHILDREN, NINE BORN IN MILFORD, ONE IN HOLLIS.

1. Martha, b. Oct. 6, 1797; m. Aug. 15, 1816, John Gutterson, Jr., of Milford; res. there and d. May 21, 1873.
2. Eli N., b. Sept. 8, 1799; was a clergyman.
3. Abigail, b. June 27, 1801.
4. Ephraim, b. Aug. 12, 1803.
5. Luke, b. Nov. 23, 1805, and d. the same month.
6. David W., b. Sept. 9, 1806; m. Nov. 24, 1831, Sarah P. Farley of Hollis.
7. Medad, b. Sept. 24, 1808; d. Dec. 15, 1818.
8. Hannah W., b. July 8, 1810; d. Dec. 13, 1871.
9. Susan E., b. July 1, 1812; d. in 1868.
10. Cynthia A., b. Aug. 30, 1816; d. in 1890.

## SAWYER.

Salmon Sawyer, son of James and Anna (Howe) Sawyer, born in Berlin, Vt., Nov. 26, 1816; was a millwright; came to Milford in 1848 from Amherst, and was killed in a wheelpit in Lyndeborough, April 22, 1872. Married Jan. 31, 1848, Eliza M., daughter of Joshua and Martha (Smith) Marcy, born in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 29, 1820; now resides in Boston, Mass.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Amy Lizzie, b. Oct. 19, 1849; m. Aug. 27, 1872, George S., son of Moses and Tirzah (Kingsbury) Bryant of Boston, Mass.; d. in Newton Highlands, Mass., March 13, 1896.
2. Neddie Norman, b. Jan. 18, 1858; d. June 17, 1864.

Frederick T. Sawyer, son of Jabez and Hannah (Emerson) Sawyer, born in Bradford, May 13, 1819; was bank cashier; came to Milford in 1854 from Nashua. Married Jan. 7, 1859, Sarah S., daughter of William H. and Hannah (Shedd) Lovejoy, born in Amherst, Aug. 22, 1833; now resides in Milford. He died July 14, 1898.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Bertha Caroline, b. June 22, 1860; m. July 28, 1881, David S., son of John and Sophia (Dolbear) Blanpied; res. in Montpelier, Vt.
2. † Frederick Willis, b. Apr. 16, 1862.
3. Chester Ayer, b. July 16, 1868; is a finisher in furniture manufactory.
4. Gertrude, b. Aug. 4, 1874; m. April 17, 1900, George D., son of James T. and Florence (Derby) White of New York city; res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frederick W. Sawyer, son of Frederick T. and Sarah S. (Lovejoy) Sawyer, born in Milford, April 16, 1862; is a bank cashier; resides in Milford. Married Oct. 26, 1893, Bertha M., widow of Joseph W. Hyde and daughter of Aaron S. and Martha A. (McCluer) Wilkins, born in Amherst, Dec. 17, 1863.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Grace Miriam, b. Aug. 10, 1894.
2. Marguerite, b. Feb. 19, 1899.
3. Donald Frederick, b. Feb. 12, 1900.

## SEARLES.

James Searles, son of James and Abi (Duren) Searles, born in Nashua, Dec. 16, 1797; was a cotton manufacturer; then a farmer. Married April 16, 1826, Susan V. Allen, born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 11, 1802, and died in Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 28, 1887. He died in Milford, April 11, 1871.

## CHILDREN.

1. James A., b. in Waltham, Mass., Oct. 7, 1826; is a salesman; res. in Peabody, Mass.; m. Nov., 1849, Maria F., daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Bodwell) Currier of Lawrence, Mass.
2. Charles A., b. in Walpole, Mass., Feb. 5, 1828; was a painter; m. April 20, 1850, Electa S., daughter of Constant B. and Mary (Cox) Rich of Milford; res. there; d. March 8, 1852.

3. Susan Anna, b. in Walpole, Mass., Aug. 14, 1829; m. March 13, 1850, Gilman R., son of Robert and Betsey (Torsey) Coburn of Milford; res. in Lynn, Mass.
4. George Warren, b. in Methuen, Mass., Sept. 4, 1831; is a farmer; res. in Billerica, Mass.; m. Lucinda Hayward of Milford.
5. Marinda A., b. in Methuen, Mass., Sept. 24, 1833; m. Nathan D. Perkins of Ipswich, Mass.; d. in Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 12, 1887.
6. † Edwin D., b. in Methuen, Mass., Aug. 17, 1836.
7. Franklin W., b. in Milford, Oct. 3, 1839; d. March 17, 1841.
8. Francis F., b. in Milford, Oct. 3, 1839; is a shoemaker; res. in Peabody, Mass.; unm.
9. Amanda A., b. in Milford, Feb. 3, 1843; m. Albert Brooks of Arlington, Mass.; res. in Colorado.
10. William L., b. in Milford, Nov. 19, 1846; is a glue manufacturer; m. May 13, 1869, Emma M., daughter of Alvin R. and Sarah J. (Stacey) Richardson of Lynn, Mass.; res. there.

Edwin D. Searles, son of James and Susan V. (Allen) Searles, born in Methuen, Mass., Aug. 17, 1836. Is a farmer. Resides on a place formerly owned by Alfred Hutchinson, on the road to Wilton. Came to Milford in 1871 from Lawrence, Mass. Married Nov. 16, 1864, Frances A., daughter of Jeremiah S. and Polly (Harvey) Field, born in Keene, July 28, 1843.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Alice Harvey, b. in Lawrence, Mass., March 2, 1869; m. Nov. 3, 1891, Abel A., son of Abel H. and Mary A. (McKean) Coffin of Milford; res. there.
2. Fred Burton, b. in Milford, Oct. 18, 1872; d. March 18, 1884.
3. Herbert Milton, b. in Milford, June 4, 1875; is a railroad fireman; m. Nov. 18, 1897, Marcella E., daughter of Anson C. and Annie C. (Colby) Smith of Milford; res. there.
4. George Garfield, b. in Milford, May 8, 1879; res. with his father.

#### SEARS.

Christopher C. Sears, son of Courtney and Sarah (Ward) Sears, born in Sackville, N. B., Feb. 14, 1844. Came to Milford in 1868. Is a cabinet maker. Married March 11, 1869, Mary A., daughter of John and Mary (Weeks) Best, born in Prince Edwards Island, April 30, 1847.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Walter Cecil, b. Dec. 27, 1869.
2. Mabel Fanny, b. Nov. 8, 1872; d. Jan. 3, 1886.

3. † Frank Newton, b. Oct. 27, 1873.

4. George Ruland, b. Jan. 9, 1882.

Walter C. Sears, son of Christopher C. and Mary A. (Best) Sears, born in Milford, Dec. 27, 1869. Is a clerk in a grocery. Married Dec. 25, 1890, Minnie C., daughter of Freeman J. and Mary C. (Mason) Holt, born in Wilton, Oct. 11, 1868.

## CHILD.

1. Carroll Holt, b. in Milford, May 18, 1895.

Frank N. Sears, son of Christopher C. and Mary A. (Best) Sears, born in Milford, Oct. 27, 1873. Is a mechanic. Married Nov. 26, 1896, Lilla M., daughter of Alvin N. and Helen M. (Davis) Pike, born in Perkinsville, Vt., Aug. 14, 1874.

## CHILD.

1. Dot, b. in Milford, Feb. 21, 1897; d. there March 20, 1897.

## SEAVER.

William E. Seaver, son of John W. and Irinda (Sanderson) Seaver, born in Lyndeborough, Oct. 28, 1848. Is a farmer. Came to Milford in 1888. Married Oct. 24, 1882, Lillian I., daughter of Jonathan S. and Sarah A. (Powers), Stephenson, born in Lyndeborough, June 26, 1863.

## CHILD.

1. Ethel May, b. in Milford, June 6, 1888.

## SECOMBE.

David Secombe, son of John and Elizabeth (Carter) Secombe, born in Amherst, March 1, 1787. Was a farmer. Resided on the road to Nashua about a mile from the Town house. Came from Amherst in 1823, and died Dec. 22, 1844. Married (1) March 1, 1813, Asenath, daughter of John and Edith (Nourse) Odell, born in Amherst, May 20, 1790, and died there May 30, 1814; (2) Dec. 18, 1823, Lydia, daughter of Levi and Lydia (Farrar) Adams, born in Temple, Aug. 24, 1789, and died in Amherst, April 3, 1859.

## CHILDREN, ONE BORN IN AMHERST, AND FOUR IN MILFORD.

1. Asenath Ann, b. and d. April 7, 1814.
2. Frances Charlotte, b. Jan. 6, 1825; d. in Amherst, April 30, 1848.
3. David Adams, b. May 25, 1827; was a lawyer; res. in Minneapolis, Minn.; d. there March 18, 1892; m. Feb. 27, 1855, Charlotte A. Eastman of Conway.
4. Charles Carrol, b. Jan. 25, 1830; is a retired paper manufacturer; res. in Minneapolis, Minn.; m. Sept. 14, 1871, Annabell F., dau. of Frederic and Rebecca (Lund) Crosby of Milford.
5. William Wirt, b. Oct. 14, 1832; d. in New York city, Sept. 8, 1877; unm.

## SHANNESY.

Edward Shannesy, born in Ireland, June, 1833. Is a wheelwright. Came from Manchester in 1863. Married 1855, Sophia Jennings, born in Ireland in 1839.

## CHILDREN, TWO BORN IN MANCHESTER, AND FIVE IN MILFORD.

1. Anna, b. Jan. 28, 1856; m. Lawrence Fury of Clinton, Mass.; res. there.
2. George William, b. Sept. 23, 1860; is a wheelwright; res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. April 19, 1881, Bridget, daughter of John and Ann (Norton) Doyle of Salem, Mass.
3. Edward Stevens, b. Dec. 26, 1863; is a blacksmith; res. in Milford.
4. Joseph Peter, b. Feb. 2, 1868; is a wheelwright; res. in South Weymouth, Mass.
5. Sophia Gertrude, b. Aug. 26, 1871; res. in Milford; unm.
6. Mary Jane, b. May 10, 1873; m. Nov. 21, 1894, Michael P., son of Joseph and Johannah (Hickey) Cullinan of Milford; res. there.
7. Charles William, b. Oct. 2, 1876; is a wheelwright; res. in Milford.

## SHATTUCK.

Nathaniel Shattuck, Jr., son of Nathaniel and Catherine (Andrews) Shattuck, born in Temple, Feb. 27, 1774. Was a lawyer. Came to Milford in 1804 from Temple, and removed to Amherst in 1812, and died in Concord, Sept. 1, 1864. Married (1) June 15, 1806, Mary, daughter of James and Betsey H. (Kimball) Wallace, born in Milford, April 5, 1790, and died in Amherst, June 3, 1812. (2) April 4, 1816, Sally, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Seaton) Stanley, born in Amherst, July 25, 1789, and died in Manchester, Feb. 7, 1865.



## CHILDREN, ONE BORN IN MILFORD, SIX IN AMHERST.

1. Anne Jane, b. May 12, 1809; m. Aug. 13, 1829, Benjamin F., son of James and Jenett (Walker) Wallace of Antrim; res. there; d. in Bedford, Aug. 16, 1847.
2. Mary Wallace, b. March 28, 1817; d. in Amherst, March 6, 1819.
3. Algernon Parker, b. Feb. 15, 1819; was a teacher of penmanship; res. in Lynn, Mass.; d. there Aug. 20, 1874; m. July 17, 1851, Catherine, daughter of William and Harriet (Bisbee) Sweet of Newark, N. J.
4. Catherine Kendall, b. Dec. 15, 1823; m. April 20, 1848, Rev. Aaron W., son of David and Mary (—) Chaffin; res. in Lynn, Mass.
5. George Freeman, b. Oct. 9, 1825; d. Dec. 10, 1827.
6. Henry Campbell, b. Aug. 9, 1827; d. April 6, 1828.
7. George Henry, b. Dec. 9, 1830; is editing and introducing school books, res. in Medina, N. Y.; m. June 30, 1862, Margaret, daughter of Simeon and Euphemia (Atcheson) Bathgate of Medina, N. Y.

Edward H. Shattuck, son of Shebuel and Eliza (Knowlton) Shattuck, born in New Ipswich, Dec. 6, 1831. Was a cigar maker. Came to Milford in 1881, from Wilton, and died Sept. 11, 1891. Married Feb. 4, 1861, Lizzie A., daughter of William and Mary E. (May) Gassett, born in Hancock, Feb. 5, 1842, and resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Eleanora Idella, b. in New Ipswich, Dec. 9, 1861; m. May 3, 1885, William J., son of Jason W. and Mary Ann (Ames) Bills of Milford; d. there June 6, 1886.
2. Gertie Whitcomb, b. in New Ipswich, Sept. 5, 1864; is a table waiter; res. in Lowell, Mass.; unm.
3. Bessie Alberta, b. in Peterborough, April 25, 1874; m. Sept. 21, 1893, Frank B., son of Stephen A. and Caroline M. (Duncklee) McGaffey of Milford; res. there.
4. Ernest, an adopted son, b. in Wilton, Aug. 27, 1883.

## SHAW.

William Shaw, Jr., son of William and Martha (Mills) Shaw, born in Concord, Mass., Feb. 25, 1778. Was a farmer. Resided on the farm now owned by John S. Sargent, on road to Wilton. Came from Boston, Mass., in 1802, and died Feb. 25, 1856. Married Nov. 7, 1802, Asenath, daughter of William and Abigail (Lewis) Hopkins, born in Milford, Aug. 19, 1785, and died Feb. 18, 1869.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † William, 3d, b. Jan. 4, 1803.
2. † Benjamin, b. Feb. 19, 1805.
3. George H., b. March 20, 1807; was a farmer; res. in Amherst, where he d. Nov. 8, 1895; m. April, 1838, Lydia, daughter of Cyrus and Hannah (Berry) Stiles of Amherst.
4. Abigail, b. Dec. 12, 1811; m. Dec. 16, 1832, George W. Davis of Princeton, Mass.; res. there; d. Feb. 15, 1860.
5. Olive, b. June 6, 1813; m. Sept. 5, 1844, Dexter Farwell of Fitchburg, Mass.; res. there; d. Oct. 21, 1857.

William Shaw, 3d, son of William and Asenath (Hopkins) Shaw, born in Milford, Jan. 4, 1803. Was a mechanic and botanic physician. Resided in Milford, and died Oct. 25, 1870. Married Nov. 20, 1823, Betsey, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Burnham) Hutchinson, born in Milford, March 21, 1808, and died June 22, 1889, by accident on railroad.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Christopher Columbus, b. March 20, 1824.
2. Lutheria Adaline, b. Oct. 17, 1837; d. in Milford, Oct. 4, 1854.
3. Mary Jane, b. Nov. 13, 1841; d. Sept. 29, 1843.
4. Ella Francilla, b. July 12, 1846; m. Fred H., son of Alfred J. and Ann (Huse) Lynch of Milford; d. Feb. 4, 1872.

Benjamin Shaw, son of William and Asenath (Hopkins) Shaw, born in Milford, Feb. 19, 1805. Was a blacksmith. Removed to Cambridgeport, Mass., in 1828, thence to Charlestown, Mass., in 1834. Returned to Milford in 1836, and removed to Canton, Mass., in 1841; afterward he went into the western states and died at a time and place unknown. Married April, 1829, Sarah, daughter of Obadiab and Tamah (Nichols) Lincoln, born in Cohasset, Mass., Sept. 30, 1807, and died there Sept. 16, 1878.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Nichols, b. in Cambridgeport, Mass., July 22, 1831; is a lighthouse keeper in San Francisco, Cal.
2. Sarah Asenath, b. in Cambridgeport, Mass., Jan. 10, 1833; m. July 2, 1850, Edwin A., son of Simeon and Sarah A. (Huntress) Nutting of Canton, Mass.; res. there.
3. Benjamin Franklin, b. in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 7, 1834; is an engineer; m. Dec. 25, 1863, Annie L., daughter of Charles and M. Ann (Cleaves) Webber of Kennebunk, Me.; res. there.

4. Harriet Lincoln, b. in Milford, Dec. 2, 1836; m. Jan. 19, 1860. Charles F., son of Benjamin I. and Louisa H. (Gutterson) Co-nant of Milford; res. in West Medford, Mass.
5. Robert Beals, b. Sept. 9, 1840; went into the army in War of 1861. and was killed in a railroad accident at Harrisburg, Penn.
6. Mary Lincoln, b. in Canton, Mass., Feb. 14, 1842; m. Feb. 14, 1860, Jonathan, Jr., son of Jonathan and Sophia (Bird) Linfield of Canton, Mass.; res. there.
7. Arthur Augustus, b. in Canton, Mass., July 22, 1845; is assistant paymaster; res. in West Somerville, Mass.; m. Oct. 22, 1872, Mary M., daughter of Edwin and Maria (Adams) Chase of Hol-yoke, Mass.

Christopher C. Shaw, son of William, 3d, and Betsey (Hutchinson) Shaw, born in Milford, March 20, 1824. Is a dry goods jobber and farmer, residing in Milford. Married, Aug. 27, 1846, Rebecca P., daughter of Reuben and Lucy (Hutchinson) Hutchinson, born in Milford Aug. 13, 1826.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Horatio Christopher, b. in Milford, July 31, 1847.
2. Charles Jacob, b. in Milford, Dec. 15, 1851; is a purchasing agent; res. in Philadelphia; m. (1) Dec. 14, 1871, Anna M., dau. of Joseph A. and Elizabeth L. (Plympton) Twitchell of Milford; (2) Aug. 21, 1882, Elizabeth A., dau. of Thomas A. and Sarah A. (Perkins) Worden of Boston, Mass.
3. Hattie Luthera, b. in Boston, Mass., July 14, 1858; d. in Milford, Jan. 7, 1861.

Horatio C. Shaw, son of Christopher C. and Rebecca P. (Hutchinson) Shaw, born in Milford, July 31, 1847. Is a salesman and farmer. Married, Jan. 26, 1870, Eliza J., daughter of William and Mary (Colby) White, born in Mont Vernon, Jan. 8, 1849; res. in Wilton, and returned to Milford in 1896.

## CHILD.

1. Hattie May, b. in Wilton, July 8, 1879.

## SHEDD.

Benjamin Shedd, born 1766, died in Milford, Nov. 6, 1843. Was a farmer, residing on road to Mason, about three miles from town house; the place is now owned by John T. Parker. Married Lydia, born 1766, and died in Milford, Sept. 28, 1843.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Benjamin, Jr., b. Jan. 18, 1797; was a farmer; res. on the home-  
stead, where he d. Oct. 27, 1853; m., and had one son, who d.  
at about 20 years of age.
2. Lydia Jenkins, b. Oct. 8, 1803; m. a Mr. Birch; d. in Milford,  
Oct. 27, 1866.
3. Josiah Blanchard, b. Nov. 27, 1806; d. July 25, 1828.

Peter F. Shedd, born in Tewksbury, Mass.. July 18, 1802.  
Came to Milford in 1838. Was a veterinary surgeon and  
farmer. He died in Bennington, Sept. 27, 1868. Married,  
Oct. 23, 1823, Mary P. Blunt, born in Andover, Mass., Feb.  
22, 1807, and died in Wilton, Oct. 11, 1870.

## CHILDREN.

1. Peter, b. in Tewksbury, Mass., Aug. 23, 1824, and d. there Oct.  
24, 1825.
2. Peter, b. in Tewksbury, Mass., July 8, 1826; was a farmer; m.  
Jan. 16, 1847, Octavia P., dau. of John and Daphne (Potter)  
Chamberlain of Bakersfield, Vt.; d. in Nashua, Nov. 12, 1876.
3. David B., b. in Andover, Mass., June 27, 1828; was a farmer; res.  
in Temple, and d. there Sept. 28, 1886; m. March 15, 1865,  
Elizabeth, dau. of George and Elizabeth (Anderson) Goodyear  
of Ashburnham, Mass.
4. Joseph K., b. in Andover, Mass., March 7, 1831; was killed in the  
Battle of Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862.
5. † Joel, b. in Andover, Mass., Oct. 13, 1833.
6. Caroline, b. in Andover, Mass., June 17, 1836; m. Dec. 30, 1862,  
Orin N. Cram of South Lyndeborough; res. there, and d. Apr.  
11, 1887.
7. Clarissa, b. in Milford, Oct. 11, 1838; m. Nov. 25, 1856, John  
Dame of Milford; res. there, and d. June 28, 1888.
8. Abraham B., b. in Milford, Feb. 16, 1841; d. Feb. 27, 1841.
9. Abraham, b. May 25, 1842; was killed in the Battle of Bull Run,  
Aug. 29, 1862.
10. Abby Ann, b. in Milford, Nov. 18, 1844; m. Oct. 21, 1887, Alfred  
T. Ford of South Lyndeborough, and res. there.
11. James P., b. in Milford, Oct. 21, 1846; was a farmer; res. in  
Court, Kan., and d. there, March 15, 1888.
12. Mary R., b. in Milford, Nov. 4, 1849; d. in South Lyndeborough,  
Jan. 12, 1871.
13. Augusta M., b. in Milford, Oct. 14, 1852; m. Oct. 30, 1880, Richard  
H. Ross of South Lyndeborough; res. there until the decease  
of Mr. Ross, when she returned to Milford, where she now res.



Joel Shedd, son of Peter F. and Mary P. (Blunt) Shedd, born in Andover, Mass., Oct. 13, 1833. Was a farmer; came from Mont Vernon in 1895, and died March 4, 1897. Married (1) Susan E. Dame; (2) Oct. 8, 1887, Isabelle, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (McGregor) Munro, born in Charlottenburg, Canada, June 17, 1847.

## CHILDREN, ALL BY FIRST WIFE.

1. Frank, b. Sept. 8, 1855.
2. Cora Alice, b. Aug. 8, 1857.
3. Marietta, b. July 27, 1859.
4. Charley K., b. Feb. 21, 1861.
5. Annie A., b. Nov. 15, 1863.
6. George H., b. May 3, 1866.

## SHEPARD.

Col. John Shepard, born in Concord, Mass., in 1706, and died in Amherst, Nov. 29, 1785. Married (1) a Miss Hartwell; (2) Sarah French, born in 1722, and died in Milford, Oct. 31, 1802. He was a farmer, residing on place on road to Amherst, his house standing on the lot now occupied by the dwelling-house of Fred J. Kendall, settling there in 1741. He also built and operated a grist-mill on the site now occupied by the saw- and grist-mill of Smith Berry.

## CHILDREN, THREE BORN IN CONCORD, MASS., SEVEN IN AMHERST.

1. † John, Jr., b. 1732.
2. Lydia, b. 1735; m. a Mr. Howe, and d. June 14, 1791.
3. Abigail, b. Apr. 6, 1738; m. a Mr. Stevenson, and d. in Lyndeborough, Aug. 23, 1822.
4. Benjamin, b. March 18, 1744; m. Lucy Lund, and d. March 26, 1810.
5. Samuel, b. 1746; d. Jan. 12, 1835.
6. Mary, b. Sept. 21, 1749; m. Jacob Hildreth of Amherst; res. there, and d. Jan. 22, 1823.
7. Sarah, b. Oct. 17, 1757; m. Stephen, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Harris) Kendrick of Amherst; res. there, and d. Sept. 5, 1840.
8. Jotham, b. June 22, 1761; d. young.
9. Rachel, b. Apr. 5, 1762; m. July 4, 1781, Samuel Dodge, Jr.; d. July 23, 1785.
10. Daniel, b. Sept. 25, 1764; m. May 25, 1793, Fanny Wentworth; d. Sept. 22, 1794.



Col. John Shepard, Jr., son of Col. John and (—) (Hartwell) Shepard, born in Concord, Mass., in 1732. Came to Milford with his father in 1741. Was a farmer, residing in the house on the Mont Vernon road next north of the Methodist church, on east side of the highway, where he died Dec. 4, 1802. Married, Oct. 21, 1757, Mercy Wilkins, born in Middleton, Mass., in 1732, and died in Mason, Aug. 11, 1825.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 16, 1759.
2. Mary, b. Oct. 5, 1760; m. James Gilman; d. in Milford, Oct. 8, 1841.
3. † Jonathan, b. Oct. 31, 1762.
4. Sarah, b. Nov. 28, 1767; m. Nov. 16, 1790, William, son of Josiah and Sarah (Fitch) Crosby of Milford; res. there, and d. Dec. 15, 1845.
5. Lydia, b. June 12, 1770; m. May 24, 1795, Daniel Staniford, and d. in Boston, Mass., June 1, 1796.

Jonathan Shepard, son of Col. John, Jr., and Mercy (Wilkins) Shepard, born in Amherst now Milford, Oct. 31, 1762. Was a farmer; his dwelling-house was on the spot now occupied by H. H. Barber's mansion, and died in Amherst, Jan. 13, 1820. Married, in 1790, Rebecca, daughter of Jotham Blanchard, born in Peterborough in 1773, and died in Waterford, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1831.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John, b. 1791; was a merchant; res. in Boston, Mass., Syracuse, N. Y., and New York city, and d. in Sandwich, Ill., in 1870.
2. George, b. May, 1808; d. Apr. 14, 1809.
3. Robert Blanchard, b. Nov. 30, 1810; was a banker; res. in Hudson, N. Y., where he d. May 12, 1898; m. Dec. 3, 1838, Mary W., dau. of James and Submit (Wheelock) Mellen of Mendon, Mass.

Andrew N. Shepard, son of John and Lucy B. (Nichols) Shepard, a grandson of Benjamin and Lucy (Lund) Shepard, and a great-grandson of Col. John Shepard, the first of the name to settle in the place, was born in Lyndeborough, July 22, 1818. Was a real estate broker and leather merchant. Resided in Winchester, Mass., forty years; came to Milford

in 1891 from Nashua. Married (1), Jan. 1, 1850, Harriet W. Brown; (2) March 29, 1893, Lucy A., widow of Edward P. Sawtelle, and daughter of Wilder and Julia Ann (Clark) Reed, born in Merrimack, July 31, 1838. No children.

Alonzo P. Shepard, a cousin of Andrew N., was born in Milford, Sept. 7, 1821, returned to Milford from Amherst in 1893, and resides near railroad station at East Milford; is a mason. Married, April 29, 1866, Harriet A., widow of James L. Tilton and daughter of Asa and Eliza (Pollard) Swan, born in Hudson, July 18, 1836. No children.

### SHERIDAN.

Henry A. Sheridan, son of John H. and Julia A. (Davis) Sheridan, born in Nashua, Dec. 3, 1850. Came to Milford in 1881, from Greenfield, was station agent on railroad, and died in Milford, Sept. 30, 1894. Married (1) Etta F., daughter of Emulus L. and Abby A. (Bickford) Gowan, born in Rochester, Feb. 12, 1852, and died in Milford, Nov. 14, 1889; married (2) Nov. 10, 1891, Mary E., widow of John F. Amsden and daughter of Charles G. and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Hatch, born in Lyndeborough, Aug. 31, 1850.

### CHILDREN.

1. Edwin Henry, b. in Dover, Aug. 1, 1877; is a railroad employee, and res. in Nashua.
2. John Richard, b. in Greenfield, Oct. 24, 1881; res. in Nashua and d. there June 25, 1900.

### SLOAN.

Joseph M. Sloan, born in Wilmington, Mass., Jan. 7, 1815, was a laborer; came to Milford in 1856, from Watertown, Mass. Married (1) in 1840, Grace, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Haworth) Whittaker, born in Accrington, England, in 1824, and died in Watertown, Mass., in 1847; married (2) April 25, 1848, Mary A., daughter of David W. and Mary (Ball) Hall, born in Milford, July 11, 1826; now resides in Amherst.

## CHILDREN, FOUR BORN IN WATERTOWN, TWO IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah Jane, b. March, 1841; m. in 1859, John P., son of Samuel and Abby (Pray) Allen of Boston, Mass.; res. in Lynn, Mass., and d. there, Nov. 10, 1886.
2. Grace Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1844; m. Feb. 7, 1863, Charles M., son of George and Rebecca (Merriam) Lawrence, of Littleton, Mass., and res. there.
3. Frank Joseph, b. March 17, 1849; was a hotel clerk, and d. in Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 12, 1876.
4. Nettie Mary, b. May 23, 1851; m. June 29, 1870, Charles H., son of Lucius B. and Lorinda (Low) Perkins, of Nashua; res. in Milford, and d. there, Sept. 15, 1880.
5. Charles Gardner, b. March 1, 1854. Is a grocer and provision dealer; res. in Arlington, Mass.; m. June 21, 1879, Catherine F. Coughlin, of Greenfield, Mass.
6. Beecher Sawtelle, b. Oct. 23, 1861, and d. in Milford, Jan. 29, 1874.

Patrick Sloan, son of John and Ann (Cunningham) Sloan, born in Ireland, March 17, 1846; is a stone cutter; came to Milford in 1883, from Woburn, Mass. Married, June 1, 1870, Mary A., daughter of Philip and Rose (McBrien) McHugh, born in Ireland, July 22, 1846.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN WOBURN, MASS.

1. Rose Ellen, b. Aug. 7, 1871; m. Sept. 7, 1898, John J., son of Daniel and Mary (Ryan) Lorden, of Hollis, and res. in Milford.
2. Margaret Agnes, b. Jan. 2, 1873; m. Sept. 2, 1896, William R., son of John C. and Mary A. (Broderick) Smith, of Milford, and res. there.
3. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 25, 1874.
4. Beede Louise, b. March 10, 1876.
5. Catherine Elizabeth, b. Oct. 20, 1877.
6. Ellen Marie, b. June 21, 1879.
7. Anastasia Margaret, b. Sept. 9, 1881.

## SMILEY.

John S. Smiley, son of John and Maria (Haley) Smiley, born in Dover, July 3, 1832; is a mechanic; came to Milford in 1870, from Henniker. Married, Nov. 18, 1858, Mary, daughter of George and Grace (Gregg) Smith, born in Milford, July 16, 1832, and died, April 18, 1896.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN HOPKINTON.

1. Charles Gregg, b. Oct. 2, 1865, and d. in Milford, Dec. 3, 1875.
2. Grace Anna, b. Aug. 28, 1867; m. June 26, 1895, Charles F., son of James G. and Mary J. (Hinds) Haseltine, of Milford; res. there, and d. Nov. 8, 1898, leaving a dau., Olive Grace, b. Oct. 5, 1898.

## SMITH.

Daniel Smith, son of Samuel, Jr., and Hannah (——) Smith, born in Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 24, 1745; was a farmer, res. on place now owned by John B. Burt. Married \_\_\_\_\_, 1769, Ruhama Cutter. He died Nov. 30, 1836.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Daniel, b. March 14, 1770; d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1790.
2. Hannah, b. March 22, 1772; m. a Mr. Hadley of Lyndeborough, and d. there, Oct. 31, 1869.
3. † Ezekiel, b. June 19, 1774.
4. Amey, b. Feb. 2, 1776; m. Jotham Blanchard, of Lyndeborough, res. there, and d. Feb. 25, 1868.
5. † John, b. June 1, 1779.
6. Keziah, b. Feb. 15, 1781; m. March 17, 1808, Humphrey, son of Aaron and Susannah (Hobbs) Peabody, of Milford; res. there, and d. March 7, 1856.
7. Samuel, b. Aug. 9, 1783; m. Betsey Conn, of Harvard, Mass.; res. in Hillsborough, and d. there, Feb. 22, 1879.
8. Nancy, b. March 4, 1787; m. April 14, 1812, Timothy, son of Timothy and Ruth (Burnham) Gray, of Wilton; res. there, and d. April 19, 1866.
9. Mary, b. Aug. 22, 1789; m. John Rollins, of Mont Vernon, and d. there, April 8, 1824.
10. Susannah, b. July 11, 1792; m. Feb. 11, 1812, Oliver, son of Benjamin and Betty (Adams) Wright, of Milford, who d. Jan. 3, 1831, and Dec. 7, 1839, m. (2) Stephen C. Marshall, of Milford, and res. there and d. in Milford, March 3, 1875.

Ezekiel Smith, son of Daniel and Ruhama (Cutter) Smith, born in Milford, June 19, 1774, was a farmer, and removed to Hollis in 1830, where he died, March 17, 1860. Married, April 5, 1804, Abigail, daughter of Capt. William and Priscilla (Emery) Reed, born in Hollis, Feb. 1, 1786, and died there April 3, 1878.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Reed, b. Oct. 9, 1805. He went West and when last heard from was with the Mohawk Indians.
2. † Daniel, b. Jan. 16, 1808.
3. Silas, b. June 4, 1810; is a farmer; res. in Tully and Homer, N. Y.; m. in 1836, Mary Ann, dau. of Chester and Elizabeth (Pierce) Collins, of Homer.
4. Ezekiel Page, b. April 26, 1812; was a farmer; m. March 20, 1838, Abigail B., dau. of Josiah and Betsey (Steavens) Worthen, of Chester. He d. in Morris Island, S. C., Sept. 21, 1863.
5. Louisa, b. June 1, 1814; m. Feb. 19, 1849, William R., son of Solomon and Mary (Raymond) Woods of Hollis; res. there and in Peterborough; now res. in Amherst.
6. Charles, b. Sept. 8, 1816; was a farmer; res. in Hollis; unm. and d. there, May 14, 1861.
7. Ralph, b. Nov. 14, 1818; was a farmer; res. in Hollis and d. there, Jan. 14, 1839.
8. John Cutter, b. March 19, 1821; was a farmer; res. in Hollis and d. there, Aug. 11, 1863; m. Harriet A. Patch of that town.
9. Abigail, b. July 2, 1823; m. Nov. 24, 1853, Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel and Lucy (Gilmore) Wilkins of Amherst, and d. there, Nov. 10, 1894.
10. Henry Clifton, b. Jan. 14, 1826; was a farmer; res. in Hollis and d. there, Nov. 23, 1861.
11. Andrew Jason, b. Nov. 10, 1828, and d. March 20, 1829.

John Smith, son of Daniel and Ruhana (Cutter) Smith, born in Milford, June 1, 1779, was a farmer; resided on the homestead, where he died, Aug. 12, 1819. Married, 1802, Mary Conn, born in Harvard, Mass., Sept. 2, 1775, and died in Milford, March 2, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John, Jr., b. Aug. 3, 1803; m. Sept. 14, 1826, Lucinda, dau. of Abel and Rebecca (Ober) Spalding, of Milford; res. in Lowell, Mass., where he d. May 15, 1854.
2. † George, b. April 15, 1805.
3. Mary, b. April 14, 1807; d. Dec. 16, 1818.
4. Freeman, b. Feb. 20, 1809; d. Dec. 23, 1818.
5. Ruhama, b. July 18, 1811; d. Sept. 20, 1813.
6. Ruhama, b. Aug. 18, 1813; d. July 21, 1818.
7. Rodney, b. Dec. 8, 1815; d. July 18, 1818.
8. Charles Cutter, b. March 25, 1818; m. Jan. 16, 1840, Ruth Kimball, of Hillsborough, and res. at Wolfeborough Junction.



Daniel Smith, son of Ezekiel and Abigail (Reed) Smith, born in Milford, Jan. 16, 1808; resided on the homestead, and later on farm formerly owned by Benjamin Shedd on road to Mason, where he died, June 2, 1892. Married, 1848, Sarah A., daughter of David and Elizabeth (Brown) Withey, born in Brookline, Aug. 7, 1816, and died Jan. 19, 1894.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Sarah Abbie, b. June 26, 1849; m. June 2, 1869, John T., son of Josiah M. and Maria (Cash) Parker, of Lyndeborough, and res. on homestead.
2. Emma Jane, b. July 19, 1850; m. Feb. 18, 1874, Frank S., son of John and Betsey (Barnes) Conrey, of Milford, and res. there.
3. Ella Maria, b. Jan. 8, 1853; m. Aug. 22, 1880, Frank E., son of Jacob E. and Rebecca J. (Mooar) Sargent, of Whitehall, Mich. They res. in Hudson.
4. Harriet Frances, b. May 23, 1854; m. John C. Hammett, of Boston, Mass., and res. in Chicago, Ill.

George Smith, son of John and Mary (Conn) Smith, born in Milford, April 15, 1805; removed to Washington, 1833, where he died, Dec. 14, 1856. Married (1), May 7, 1829, Grace, daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Holmes) Gregg, born in Greenfield, July 5, 1804, and died in Milford, Oct. 31, 1838; married (2), Martha J. Jones, born in Washington, March 23, 1815.

## CHILDREN.

1. George, Jr., b. in Milford, July 20, 1830; m. Sarah A. Manahan, of Washington.
2. Mary, b. in Milford, July 16, 1832; m. Nov. 18, 1858, John S., son of John and Maria (Haley) Smiley, of Dover; res. in Milford, and d. there, April 18, 1896.
3. John, b. in Washington, March 10, 1834; m. Ann M. Cheney, of Washington, and res. in Claremont.
4. Charles F., b. in Washington, Feb. 18, 1842; m (1) Sabrina Curtis, of Windsor, and (2), Maria Woods, of Deering, and res. in Peterborough.
5. Henry C., b. in Danbury, March 6, 1848; m. Maria Salter, of Wexford, and res. in Deadwood, Dak.

Sylvanus Smith, born in Shirley, Mass., Oct. 11, 1766; was a farmer; came to Milford in 1802, from Shirley, Mass. Married, April 9, 1797, Abigail Farley, born in Shirley, April

8, 1764, and died in Milford, Aug. 19, 1830. He died, Feb. 20, 1847.

#### CHILDREN.

1. † Abbot, b. in Shirley, Mass., Dec. 22, 1798.
2. Mary Ann, b. in Shirley, Mass., May 11, 1801, and d. in Milford, March 26, 1860.
3. Cynthia, b. in Milford, Feb. 8, 1803; m. July 11, 1833, Peter, son of Dea. Daniel and Elizabeth (Patterson) Burns, of Milford; res. there, and d. April 13, 1887.

Abbott Smith, son of Sylvanus and Abigail (Farley) Smith, born in Shirley, Mass., Dec. 22, 1798; was a farmer and cooper; resided in school district No. 5, where he died, Dec. 28, 1852. Married, Sept. 25, 1827, Betsey, daughter of Joseph and Chloe (Abbot) Gray, born in Wilton, June 21, 1799, and died in Milford, Oct. 6, 1869.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Handel Abbot, b. Feb. 1, 1830.
2. Orra Goss, b. May 19, 1835, and d. Feb. 11, 1837.

Handel A. Smith, son of Abbot and Betsey (Gray) Smith, born in Milford, Feb. 1, 1830; is a clerk. Married, June 6, 1855, Marinda A., daughter of John and Susan (Daniels) Burns, born in Milford, May 11, 1833.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edwin Handel, b. June 19, 1856, and d. Aug. 26, 1858.
2. Charles Walton, b. Dec. 7, 1859, and d. Aug. 12, 1868.

Edwin Smith, son of Enos and Amy (Plympton) Smith, born in Wrentham, Mass., July 17, 1807; was a machinist; came to Milford in 1847, from Amoskeag, and died, May 31, 1882. Married, May 20, 1830, Sybil, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Whitney) Wallace, born in Townsend, Mass., Sept. 2, 1809, and died in Milford, Dec. 11, 1893.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Edwin Wallace, b. in Amoskeag, July 28, 1831; is a farmer; m. Oct. 25, 1853, E. Augusta, dau. of David and Eunice (Wright) Hobart, of Brookline, and res. there.

2. Sarah Marinda, b. in Amoskeag, Jan. 11, 1837; m. Jan. 1, 1862, Clesson R., son of Dr. S. Smith and Sarah (Twitchell) Stickney, of Milford; she now res. in Wilton.
3. Henry Plympton, b. in Townsend, Mass., March 7, 1839; is a watchmaker and jeweler; m. Aug. 18, 1870, Louise, H., dau. of Joseph E. and Jane (Fulton) Presby, of Waltham, Mass., and res. there; d. in Charlestown, Mass., Oct. 19, 1874.
4. Nancy Catherine, b. in Amoskeag, Oct. 5, 1843; m. Feb. 17, 1870, Henry, son of Joseph and Harriet (Gillis) Ames, of Wilming-ton, Mass.; res. in Wilton, where she d. July 13, 1873.
5. Joseph Warren, b. in Amoskeag, Sept. 11, 1846; m. Nov. 21, 1876, Carrie W., dau. of Ambros and Hannah A. (Edgerly) Pearson, of Charlestown, Mass., and res. in Vineland, N. J.

Luke Smith, son of David and Elinor (Gideons) Smith, born in Acworth, Dec. 29, 1804; was a farmer; came to Milford in 1854, from New Boston; resided on place now owned by his son, Charles H. V. Smith, on road to Wilton, where he died April 13, 1889. Married, June 16, 1831, Wealthy, daughter of James and Susan (Senter) Eyres, born Jan. 9, 1809, and died in Milford, July 5, 1859; married (2), Jan. 4, 1860, Sarah G., widow of Jeremiah H. Sargent and daughter of Issachar and Mindwell (Sillsby) Mayo, born in Lempster, May 17, 1817, and died in Milford, March 11, 1898.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN NEW BOSTON.

1. Wealthy, b. Nov. 4, 1832, and d. Dec. 30, 1838.
2. George Luke, b. Dec. 11, 1837; was a merchant; res. in New Orleans, La., and at Hot Springs, Ark., where he d. July 9, 1884.
3. Mark James, b. July 23, 1842; is a hotel landlord; res. in Salem, Mass.; m. Emma Munsey.
4. †Charles Henry Valentine, b. July 20, 1845.

Charles H. V. Smith, son of Luke and Wealthy (Eyres) Smith, born in New Boston, July 20, 1845, is a farmer and lumber merchant; resides on homestead. Married, Oct. 24, 1867, Martha A., daughter of Jeremiah H. and Sarah G. (Mayo) Sargent, born in Acworth, Nov. 30, 1841.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Luke, b. Dec. 20, 1869, and d. Oct. 19, 1870.
2. Minnie Gertrude, b. June 17, 1872; m. June 23, 1897, Richard D., son of Henry D. and Cynthia A. C. (Hardy) Epps, of Milford, and res. there.
3. George Mark, b. Sept. 30, 1875; res. with his father.

Zalmon Smith, Jr., born in Thetford, Vt., May 17, 1807, was a laborer. Came to Milford in 1843 from Nashua, and died May 15, 1887. Married, in 1829, Gracy R., daughter of Abraham and Mary (Cavender) Holmes, born in Peterborough, June 2, 1809, and died April 20, 1891.

## CHILDREN.

1. Caroline, b. in Peterborough, Sept. 20, 1830; m. Feb. 18, 1846, Hubbard, son of Joab and Polly (Butterfield) Newton of Acworth, and res. in Milford.
2. Mary E., b. in Nashua, Nov. 30, 1839; m. Jason W. Bills of Milford, and d. there July 27, 1871.

Ira Smith, son of David and Rachel (Whitney) Smith, born in Lexington, Mass., Oct. 24, 1813, was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1868 from New Ipswich, and died Oct. 3, 1887. Married Dec. 6, 1843, Hannah P., daughter of Francis B. and Susan (Preston) Maxwell, born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 13, 1822.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NEW IPSWICH.

1. Ira Francis, now known as Frank I., b. April 9, 1845, is a veterinary surgeon, res. in Rochester; m. (1) Nov. 18, 1868, Esther M., dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Hastings) Fuller of Merrimack; (2) Nov. 24, 1886, Martha, dau. of Timothy and Sarah (Foster) Emerson of Barnstead.
2. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 26, 1848, is a janitor, res. in Woburn, Mass.; m. Sept. 3, 1868, Jennie, dau. of Joseph and Mary (—) Tilson of New Ipswich.

John C. Smith, son of John C. and Mary (Piercy) Smith, born in St. Johns, N. B., Jan. 1, 1855, is a quarryman. Came to Milford in 1872 from Boston, Mass. Married (1) December, 1874, Mary A. Broderick, born in Milford in 1858, and died March 13, 1884; (2) June 15, 1886, Mary A., daughter of Timothy and Ellen (Lewis) O'Brien, born in Amherst, May 25, 1859.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Richard, b. April 22, 1876, is a mechanic; m. Sept. 2, 1896, Margaret A., dau. of Patrick and Mary A. (McHugh) Sloan of Milford.
2. John Thomas, b. Sept. 9, 1878.
3. Annie Bridget, b. Oct. 4, 1880.
4. Mary Gertrude, twin, b. April 5, 1887.

5. George Henry, twin, b. April 5, 1887.
6. Ellen Agnes, b. Nov. 1, 1888.
7. Catherine Theresa, b. Feb. 22, 1893.
8. Ruth Madeline, b. Oct. 18, 1894.
9. Esther Margaret, b. March 29, 1896.

Frank Z. Smith, son of Lewis and Cynthia (Mitchell) Smith, born in Francestown, Oct. 17, 1853, was a farmer and painter. Came to Milford in 1882 from Wilton, and died Oct. 21, 1897. Married June 7, 1882, Fannie L., daughter of George T. and Harriet (Prince) Temple, born in Wilton, Dec. 22, 1860.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Frederic Charles, b. Sept. 27, 1884.
2. Bertha Graziella, b. Aug. 29, 1886, and d. Nov. 1, 1886.
3. Myrtie Luella, b. Aug. 30, 1889.

C. F. William Smith, son of C. F. William and Margarethe (Siemers) Smith, born in Bremen, Germany, Sept. 2, 1850, is station agent on the railroad. Came to Milford in 1892 from Revere, Mass. Married Dec. 23, 1879, Ellen F., daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Emery) Priest, born in Biddeford, Me., Aug. 20, 1852.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Margarethe, b. in East Boston, Mass., Feb. 20, 1881.
2. Otis Shaw, b. in Revere, Mass., Aug. 20, 1883.

## SNOW.

Jonathan Snow, Jr., born in Brewster, Mass., in 1813, was a blacksmith and farmer. Came to Milford from Waterford, N. J., in 1866, and died Feb. 28, 1889. Married (1) in 1838, Adaline L., daughter of Zebediah and Betsey (Holt) Holt, born in Milford, June 18, 1822, and died June 20, 1843; (2) Nov. 14, 1844, Lydia A., daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Carter) Parker, born in Wilton, Aug. 5, 1813, and died in Concord, March 4, 1849; (3) Sept. 24, 1850, Hannah G. Parker, a sister of the second wife, born in Wilton, Feb. 23, 1811, and died in Milford, March 16, 1896.

## CHILDREN.

1. Olive M., b. in Roxbury, Mass., Nov. 5, 1839; m. Dec. 15, 1859, Charles H., son of Nathan and Dorothy S. (Glidden) Flint of Holliston, Mass., and res. in New Haven, Conn.



2. Charles T., b. in Wilton in 1841, and d. in Milford, March 16, 1844.
3. Ann Louisa, b. in Concord, Sept. 6, 1845, and d. in Nelson, July 20, 1864.
4. Adaline Frances, b. in Concord, May 4, 1847, and d. in Nelson, July 14, 1864.
5. Jonathan Parker, b. in Concord, Nov. 19, 1848, is a civil engineer, res. in Somerville, Mass.; m. Jan. 13, 1880, Marietta H., widow of George W. Eaton of Wilton, and dau. of James and Abigail M. (Parker) Burton of Wilton.
6. Amelia, b. in Worcester, Mass., June 18, 1852, and d. June 21, 1852.
7. Emma Josephine, b. in Worcester, Mass., June 30, 1853, is a dress-maker, res. in Milford.

### SPALDING.

Abel Spalding, Jr., born in 1782, resided in the southwest corner of the town, adjoining Brookline and Mason. Was a farmer; also owned and operated a sawmill. Died in Milford, April 17, 1849. We have no record of who his wife was, but have names and dates of birth of children as follows:

#### CHILDREN, ALL BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Elizabeth Ann, b. Feb. 9, 1816.
2. Josephine Augusta, b. Feb. 20, 1818.
3. Alfred, b. Dec. 9, 1819.
4. William, b. Dec. 10, 1821.
5. Edward, b. Sept. 3, 1824.
6. John, b. March 2, 1827.
7. Alonzo Jasper, b. April 5, 1830.
8. Erastus, b. Aug. 14, 1832.
9. Andrew, b. May 21, 1834.

Oliver Spalding, son of John and Hannah (Spalding) Spalding, born in Chelmsford, Mass., Jan. 1, 1769, came to Milford in 1795, and died Aug. 11, 1825. Was a blacksmith. Married (1) in 1795, Eunice Brown, born in Concord, Mass., June 21, 1774, and died in Milford, Sept. 9, 1821; (2) Mary Carmel, born March 15, 1777, and died in Waltham, Mass., Aug. 2, 1867.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Eunice, b. Sept. 30, 1796; m. Oct. 18, 1814, Calvin, son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Anna (Johnson) Averill of Milford; res. there, and d. Oct. 9, 1868.
2. Nancy Whitney, b. Dec. 8, 1800; m. June 6, 1826, Ebenezer, Jr., son of Ebenezer and Mary (Swan) Pearsons of Milford; res. there, and d. Sept. 23, 1859.

3. Susan, b. Nov. 7, 1806; m. June 1, 1830, Dimon Pearsons, a brother of Ebenezer, Jr.; res. in Milford, and d. there May 29, 1892.

Abel Spalding, son of Jonathan and Mary (Marshall) Spalding, born in Tewksbury, Mass., Nov. 27, 1773, was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1808 from Hollis, and died July 6, 1856. Married Oct. 11, 1799, Rebecca Ober, born in Beverly, Mass., in 1777, and died in Milford, July 15, 1859.

CHILDREN, FOUR BORN IN HOLLIS, THREE BORN IN MILFORD.

1. †Abel, Jr., b. April 23, 1800.
2. Rebecca, b. March 5, 1802; m. Nov. 22, 1825, Frederic Crosby of Milford. See Crosby family, p. 654.
3. Ira, b. July 28, 1804, was a carpenter; res. in Lowell, Mass., where he d. April 11, 1856; m. April 27, 1831, Adaline N. S., dau. of Thomas and Barbara (Shaw) Fullerton of Boston, Mass.
4. Lucinda, b. Aug. 19, 1806; m. Sept. 14, 1826, John, Jr., son of John and Mary (Conn) Smith of Milford, and d. there April 9, 1829.
5. Eri, b. Feb. 20, 1809, was a blacksmith; res. in Peterborough, where he d. Dec. 24, 1884; m. March 5, 1835, Almira, dau. of Asaph and Abiah (Bowers) Spalding of Hollis.
6. Samuel, b. June 11, 1811, was a wheelwright; res. in Nashua, and d. there Jan. 10, 1864; m. Sept. 7, 1834, Mary, dau. of Reuben R. and Esther (Parkhurst) Wright of Dunstable, Mass.
7. Mary, b. Nov. 5, 1813, and d. Oct. 11, 1814.

Abel Spalding, Jr., son of Abel and Rebecca (Ober) Spalding, born in Hollis, April 23, 1800, was a farmer. Resided on the homestead, where he died, May 28, 1877. Married, Feb. 20, 1823, Hannah Dunklee, daughter of William B., and Hannah (Dunklee) King, born in Washington, Aug. 24, 1804, and died in Hollis, Aug. 21, 1890.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary E., b. Dec. 17, 1823; m. Sept. 22, 1846, Moses F. Kimball, of Nashua; res. in Lowell, Mass., and d. there Nov. 27, 1899.
2. Hannah Augusta, b. April 5, 1826; m. Oct. 8, 1867, Joseph, son of Stephen and Mary (Flynn) Lund of Merrimack; they res. in Nashua; she now resides in Lowell, Mass.
3. †Charles Hervey, b. Feb. 16, 1828.
4. †Henry Whitney, b. Sept. 3, 1833.
5. †John Wells, b. Oct. 9, 1836.

Charles H. Spalding, son of Abel, Jr., and Hannah D. (King) Spalding, born in Milford, Feb. 16, 1828, is a black-

smith. Married May 25, 1852, Mary K., daughter of Stephen and Mary K. (Ames) Felt, born in Peterborough, Nov. 11, 1824.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Helen, b. in Peterborough, Aug. 8, 1853; d. in Lowell, Mass., July 16, 1855.
2. Willis Hervey, b. in Nashua, Dec. 13, 1856; is a dentist; res. in Bedford, O.; m. Dec. 17, 1884, Hattie F., dau. of Alfred and — (Blake) Ewell of Kent, O.
- Lizzie Edna, b. in Antrim, Aug. 12, 1861; m. Nov. 21, 1883, Charles B., son of Charles and Elizabeth (Sanders) Dodge of Milford, and res. there.
4. †Louis Felt, b. in Milford, Oct. 13, 1867.

Henry W. Spalding, son of Abel, Jr., and Hannah D. (King) Spalding, b. in Milford, Sept. 3, 1833. Is a blacksmith. Removed to Francestown in 1872, thence to Peterborough, where he now resides. Married Aug. 16, 1856, Charlotte, daughter of Zadoc and Almira (Sherburne) Farmer, born in Nashua, Dec. 23, 1839.

## CHILDREN, SIX BORN IN MILFORD, THREE IN FRANCESTOWN.

1. Otis S., b. Oct. 21, 1857; res. in Rochester, N. Y.; m. Dec. 24, 1883, Cora A. Scribner.
2. Carrie L., b. June 7, 1860.
3. Arthur H., b. March 19, 1864; is hotel landlord; res. in Francestown; m. March 2, 1892, Mary B., dau. of Mortier L. and Caroline (Brooks) Morrison of Peterborough.
4. Mary Jane, b. March 18, 1868; d. May 27, 1868.
5. Walter H., b. March 16, 1870; res. in Francestown.
6. John W., b. April 12, 1872; res. in Francestown.
7. Allen W., b. Sept. 6, 1873; m. March 13, 1893, Sarah J., dau. of Charles E. and Etta F. (Savage) Blanchard of Peterborough.
8. Katie P., born July 26, 1875; d. in Fitchburg, Mass., April 21, 1899.
9. Wallis M., b. Aug. 16, 1881.

John Wells Spalding, son of Abel, Jr., and Hannah D. (King) Spalding, born in Milford, Oct. 9, 1836. Was a marketman. Resided in Milford and died Sept. 3, 1865. Married Oct. 18, 1860, Helen M., daughter of William H. and Hannah (Shed) Lovejoy, born in Amherst, Aug. 26, 1835, now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. Fannie Helen, b. in Milford, Oct. 20, 1861; m. Oct. 8, 1885, Charles L., son of Aaron S. and Martha A. (McCluer) Wilkins of Amherst and res. in Milford.

Louis F. Spalding, son of Charles H. and Mary K. (Felt) Spalding, born in Milford, Oct. 13, 1867, is a farmer. Resides on the homestead. Married, March 19, 1896, Lillie J., daughter of John W. and Edna G. (Burt) Anderson, born in Nashua, Aug. 22, 1874.

## CHILDREN.

1. Dorothea Anderson, b. in Nashua, Feb. 28, 1897.
2. Charles Henry, b. in Milford, Aug. 14, 1898.

## SPOFFORD.

Charles P. Spofford, son of Daniel and Hannah (Hardy) Spofford, born in Georgetown, Mass., Feb. 17, 1833. Is a cooper. Came to Milford in 1885, from Townsend, Mass. Married (1) May 12, 1850, Charlotte M., daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Hanks) Pinkham, born in Lynn, Mass., Sept. 2, 1834, and died in Townsend, Mass., Sept. 12, 1868; (2) June 19, 1880, Hattie A., daughter of Paul C. and Abigail M. (Averill) Witherell, born in Hallowell, Me., Sept. 24, 1848.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Franklin, b. in Saugus, Mass., Sept. 22, 1852, is an engineer and res. in Milford.
2. Kittie May, b. in Saugus, Mass., Oct 5, 1855; m. Aug. 2, 1874, Herbert, son of William and Sarah J. (Sumner) Spofford of Foxboro, Mass., and res. in Jersey City, N. J.
3. Willie Pinkham, b. in Townsend, Mass., Sept. 2, 1864, is a cooper and res. in Milford.

## SQUIRES.

Moses Squires, born in 1774, came to Milford in 1803, where he died May 19, 1840. Was a carpenter. Married, 1803, Susanna Lane, daughter of William and Sarah (Lane) Barron, born in Amherst, Dec. 24, 1787, and died in Milford, June 18, 1852.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Rebecca Shepard, b. Oct. 15, 1804; m. Samuel Whittier of Hooksett, and res. in Manchester.
2. † Albion, b. Jan. 8, 1807.
3. Mary Cross, b. May 25, 1809; m. Stephen Corbin of New Ipswich; res. in Springfield, Mass., and d. there April 22, 1892.
4. Elsa, b. Jan. 6, 1812; m. Hazen Rogers of Derry; res. in Manchester and d. there.
5. Daniel, b. Sept. 9, 1814, and died in Derry, May, 1826.
6. Fanny, b. March 27, 1817; m. Sept. 7, 1836, Walter L., son of Lewis and Eliza (Hartwell) Stiles of Amherst; res. in Manchester and died there Aug. 1, 1878.
7. John Cross, b. Feb. 7, 1821; m. Nancy Goodwin of Windham; res. in Nashua and d. there April 14, 1867.
8. Augusta P., b. July 18, 1824; m. Feb. 6, 1845, Abel T., son of Jacob and Sally (Simonds) Rideout of Milford, and res. in Amherst.

Albion Squires, son of Moses and Susanna L. (Barron) Squires, born in Milford, Jan. 8, 1807. Was a farmer. Resided in Wilton where he died June 3, 1842. Married, Nov. 8, 1836, Abigail, daughter of Jonathan and Sybil (Sawtell) Farwell, born in Milford, April 18, 1807, and died there Oct. 31, 1845.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN WILTON.

1. Abba Ann, b. Nov. 14, 1839; m. March 28, 1865, John, son of Timothy Mitchell.
2. Emily Augusta, b. Aug. 18, 1841; m. March 1, 1865, David F., son of John and Catherine (Foster) Henderson of Needham, Mass., and res. there.

## STANYAN.

John M. Stanyan, son of John and Ann (Abbott) Stanyan, born in Andover, Mass., March 23, 1828, came to Milford in 1854, from Winchester, Mass. Is a cabinet-maker. Married, May 4, 1854, Julia A., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Pratt) Walker, born in Woburn, Mass., July 3, 1837.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edward Minot, b. Sept. 9, 1855; is an editor and publisher; m. June 2, 1896, Helen A., dau. of Aaron P. and Mary J. (Crombie) Frye of Milford, and res. there.



2. Frank Henry, b. May 22, 1862, is on the editorial staff of *Boston Globe*, and res. in Boston Highlands; m. Oct. 13, 1891, Mabel A., dau. of Daniel T. and Sarah J. (Hall) Buttrick of Milford.
3. Annie Mabel, b. July 23, 1868; is a music teacher and res. in Milford.
4. Bertha Gertrude, b. Oct. 30, 1876; is a music teacher, and res. in Milford.

## STEELE.

James Steele, born in England about 1750, was a farmer and shoemaker. Resided in Stoneham and Woburn, Mass., and came to Milford in 1802, where he died in October, 1807. Married 1777, Susanna Knights, born in Harvard, Mass., in 1752, and died in Stoneham, May 20, 1845.

## CHILDREN, SEVEN BORN IN STONEHAM, AND ONE IN WOBURN.

1. Sarah, b. March 24, 1778; m. Feb. 5, 1800, Calvin, son of Jeduthan and Mary (Wright) Richardson of Woburn, Mass.; res. there, and d. in Winchester, Sept. 2, 1855.
2. John, b. April 10, 1780; m. July 15, 1808, Betsey, dau. of Josiah and Elizabeth (Littlehale) Crosby of Milford; res. in Reading, Mass., and d. there Feb. 23, 1861.
3. Mary, b. 1782; m. Jan. 16, 1806, James Wade of Woburn, Mass.; res. there, and d. May 9, 1860.
4. Samuel, b. 1784; d. in Rindge when young.
5. James, b. June 3, 1787; m. April 18, 1811, Betsey Pierce of Stoneham, Mass.; res. there and d. Aug. 19, 1872.
6. Elizabeth, b. May 3, 1790; m. Feb. 5, 1824, Ebenezer Rider of Goffstown; res. there and d. Dec. 13, 1861.
7. Levi, b. 1793; d. young.
8. Fanny, b. Nov. 7, 1795; m. Nov. 14, 1816, Asa, son of Nathan and Susan (Bacon) Merrill of Milford; res. there and d. July 22, 1872.

## STEVENS.

Samuel N. Stevens, son of Daniel and Tabitha (Sawyer) Stevens, born in Stoddard, March 13, 1828, is a provision dealer. Came to Milford in 1867 from Mont Vernon. Married March 19, 1854, Nancy M., daughter of Dea. Josiah and Relief (Batchelder) Kittridge, born in Mont Vernon, March 9, 1832.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MONT VERNON.

1. Josephine Maria, b. May 30, 1855; m. Sept. 27, 1883, William F., son of Francis J. and Betsey A. (Robinson) French of Milford, and res. there.

2. Charles Newell, b. July 10, 1857, is a hotel steward, res. in Philadelphia, Pa.; m. Jan. 11, 1892, Jennie J. Shattuck of Brooklyn, N. Y.
3. Hattie Edella, b. May 6, 1860; res. in Concord.

### STICKNEY.

Simeon Smith Stickney, son of Joseph and Abigail (Jewett) Stickney, born in Townsend, Mass., Nov. 16, 1810, was a physician and surgeon. Came to Milford in 1837 from Dublin, and died July 10, 1878. Married (1) Nov. 16, 1837, Sarah A., daughter of Joseph and Sally A. (Taggart) Twitchell, born in Dublin, July 7, 1816, and died in Milford, June 26, 1865; (2) Feb. 22, 1870, Jerusha P., widow of Judson J. Hutchinson, and daughter of Abel and Betsey (Bartlett) Hutchinson, born in Milford, April 20, 1825, and died Dec. 28, 1888.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clesson Rockwood, b. Aug. 15, 1838, was a bookkeeper, res. in Indianapolis, Ind., and d. there Nov. 5, 1890; m. (1) Jan. 1, 1862, Sarah M., dau. of Edwin and Sybil (Wallace) Smith of Milford; (2) June 25, 1884, Ida Miranda, dau. of Henry A. and Miranda (Wheeler) Stearns of Indianapolis, Ind., and now res. there.
2. † John Alfred, b. Sept. 7, 1839.
3. Sarah Marion, b. Nov. 22, 1841, and d. June 23, 1843.
4. Charles Carroll, b. Nov. 9, 1843, and d. July 22, 1862.
5. Walter Smith, b. Aug. 6, 1846; d. July 5, 1847.
6. Sarah Marion, b. Sept. 13, 1849, and d. April 18, 1871.
7. Anna Bell, b. Aug. 24, 1851, and d. May 9, 1864.
8. Freddie Smith, b. April 18, 1859; d. Oct. 5, 1861.

John A. Stickney, son of Dr. Simeon S. and Sarah A. (Twitchell) Stickney, born in Milford, Sept. 7, 1839, is a retired railroad employé. Married (1) Sept. 7, 1865, Carrie A., daughter of Bradley and Mary M. (Bowers) Blanchard, born in Concord, Mass., Dec. 8, 1837, and died in Wilton, May 19, 1869; (2) Sept. 7, 1870, Harriet E., daughter of John F. and Harriet J. (Foster) Goss, born in Londonderry, Dec. 19, 1845.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Fred Carroll, b. Aug. 6, 1866, is a teacher on board training ships in United States navy.
2. Carrie Belle, b. March 16, 1868, and d. in Lynn, Mass., July 30, 1876.

Everett Stickney, son of Alvah and Rebecca (Spalding) Stickney, born in Townsend, Mass., Oct. 9, 1839, is a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1862 from Townsend, Mass. Married Oct. 8, 1863, Georgia E., daughter of George M. and Mary A. (Willoby) Center, born in Nashua, Feb. 25, 1847.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Fred Arthur, b. Sept. 25, 1865.
2. Grace Gertrude, b. Nov. 7, 1873; m. Nov. 26, 1891, George F., son of Nathan and Caroline Augusta (Wright) Jewett, and res. in Milford.

Fred A. Stickney, son of Everett and Georgia E. (Center) Stickney, born in Milford, Sept. 25, 1865, is a mechanic. Married Jan. 2, 1888, Mabel G., daughter of Edwin C. and Anna E. (Gray) Burdick, born in Milford, Sept. 8, 1866.

## CHILDREN.

1. Marion Natalie, b. in Milford, Nov. 22, 1888.
2. Ethelyn Gertrude, b. in Gardner, Mass., Aug. 18, 1890.

James Myron Stickney, son of David and Lydia (Amsden) Stickney, born in Milford, Sept. 10, 1840, is a blacksmith. Married, Aug. 1, 1865, Aureella C., daughter of Grant P. and Rhoena (Colburn) Mooar, born in Antrim, April 30, 1848.

## CHILDREN.

1. James Elmer, b. in Milford, March 29, 1866, and d. April 26, 1866.
2. Louis Nelson, b. in Milford, July 1, 1867, is a printer; m. April 3, 1894, Daisy E., dau. of John F. and Sarah (Boynton) Richardson of Franklin.
3. Esther Gertrude, b. in Milford, March 18, 1876; m. Sept. 7, 1897, Elbert S. Durant of Pepperell, Mass., and res. there.
4. Ernest Myron, b. in Wilton, Aug. 24, 1878, is a clerk, and res. in Pepperell, Mass.

## STIMPSON.

Phineas Stimpson, son of Phineas and Lucy (Lawrence) Stimpson, born in Ashburnham, Mass., April 26, 1794, was a shoemaker. Married (1) September, 1816, Rhoda Metcalf, born in 1799, and died in Milford, Dec. 8, 1831; (2) November, 1833, Rachel Holt, who died in Ironton, O., May 9, 1889.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Merriek, b. July, 1817, and d. June 3, 1825.
2. Harriet, b. 1819, and d. July 19, 1820.
3. Harriet, b. 1820, and d. Sept. 24, 1821.
4. Rodney Metcalf, b. Oct. 26, 1822, is an editor, res. in Marietta, O.; m. (1) July 23, 1851, Juliaette B. Hurd of Ironton, O., who d. Jan. 19, 1861; (2) Oct. 28, 1862, Julia I. Sheppard of Marietta, O.
5. Rhoda, b. in 1824; d. young.
6. Charles, b. Jan. 15, 1827, was a moulder, res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. Feb. 22, 1848, Elizabeth R. Baker of Lowell, Mass., and d. there June 4, 1886.
7. George, b. Nov. 22, 1828, was a railroad employé; m. Jan. 4, 1851, N. Jane Rowe of Hooksett; they res. in Detroit, Mich., and d. there April 19, 1896.
8. † Henry Clay, b. June 21, 1831.
9. Rhoda, b. Sept., 1834, and d. March 5, 1837.
10. Harriet E., b. May, 1836; m. Sept., 1855, Richard Mather of Ironton, O., and res. there.
11. Albin B., b. Jan., 1838, was a railroad employé; was in the War of 1861; res. in Logansport, Ind., and d. there March 23, 1870.
12. Melora B., b. Aug., 1840, and d. Feb. 13, 1842.
13. J. Frank, b. Feb., 1842, was a railroad employé, and was in the War of 1861; m. Hattie J. Pike of South Bend, Ind.; res. there and d. June, 1886.
14. Joel H., b. May 20, 1844, was an engineer, and was in the War of 1861; m. Nellie Harrington of Elkhart, Ind.; res. there, and d. in Ironton, O., Aug. 15, 1890.
15. Clara P., b. in 1846, and d. Aug. 17, 1847.
16. Catherine H., b. 1848; d. young.

Henry C. Stimpson, son of Phineas and Rhoda (Metcalf) Stimpson, born in Milford, June 21, 1831, was a painter; was in the War of 1861. Resided in Wilton and in Milford, where he died Aug. 27, 1863. Married July 4, 1857, Mary E., daughter of Abner W. and Mary (Melendy) Marble, born in Wilton, Sept. 7, 1832, and died in Milford, May 18, 1898.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Henry, b. in Wilton, April 12, 1858, is a farmer, res. in Hollis; m. Dec. 31, 1881, Susan Dewing of Milford.
2. † Charles Rodney, b. in Wilton, Aug. 3, 1860.
3. Chauncey Adams, b. in Milford, May 17, 1862, is a mechanic, and res. at Ingham's Mills, N. Y.

Charles R. Stimpson, son of Henry C. and Mary E. (Marble) Stimpson, born in Wilton, Aug. 3, 1860, is a farmer, residing

in Hollis. Married March 27, 1885, Henrietta E., daughter of John H. R. and Laura E. (Preston) Abbott, born in Manchester, Nov. 8, 1866.

## CHILDREN.

1. Laura May, b. in Amherst, April 5, 1887.
2. Guy Albert, b. in Milford, March 19, 1890.
3. Ruby Venetta, b. in Hollis, April 30, 1893.

## STONE.

Nathaniel Stone, Jr., b. in Watertown, Mass., Oct. 3, 1805, came to Milford in 1850 from Watertown; was a cabinet maker, residing near the station at East Milford, where he died Aug. 12, 1887. Married June 12, 1827, Susan, daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Hill) Duncklee, born in Amherst, Sept. 3, 1810, and died in Milford, March 17, 1868.

## CHILDREN.

1. Martha Elmira, b. in Lexington, Mass., March 17, 1832; m. March 17, 1857, Hiram S. Davenport of Williamstown, Vt., and res. there.
2. †Charles Edwin, b. in Watertown, Mass., Jan. 27, 1835.
3. George Franklin, b. in Watertown, Mass., March 13, 1838, was a tinsmith, res. in Milford, and d. Sept. 8, 1871; m. Nov. 1, 1852, Sarah Cragin of Temple.
4. Ella F., b. in Watertown, Mass., March 29, 1849; m. Sept. 20, 1871, George O. Proctor of Boston, and d. in Milford, May 29, 1883.

Charles E. Stone, son of Nathaniel and Susan (Duncklee) Stone, born in Watertown, Mass., Jan. 27, 1835, came to Milford in 1850, with his father from Watertown; was a cabinet maker, and died June 18, 1894. Married April 16, 1863, Hattie F., daughter of Thomas K. and Olive (Hopkins) Kidder, born in Milford, Dec. 22, 1841.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. †Frank Herbert, b. Sept. 16, 1864.
2. Eva Gertrude, b. June 10, 1867; m. Dec. 10, 1888, William F., son of George H. and Julia A. (Stevens) Keith; res. in Milford.

Frank H. Stone, son of Charles E. and Hattie F. (Kidder)



Stone, born in Milford, Sept. 16, 1864, is a clerk. Married Sept. 15, 1887, Ella F., daughter of Samuel Harris and Julia A. (Cram) Hill, born in Amherst, July 7, 1869.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Herbert Edwin, b. in Milford, May 23, 1891.
2. Lizzie Estelle, b. in Amherst, Nov. 17, 1894.
3. Charles Edwin, b. in Milford, July 22, 1896.

#### STRATTON.

Lewis Stratton, son of Jonas and Anna (—) Stratton, born in Waltham, Mass., Feb. 17, 1773, was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1801, from Waltham, Mass., and died Nov. 20, 1851. Married Sept. 28, 1797, Sally, daughter of James and Tabitha (Pratt) Hartshorn, born in Amherst, Feb. 26, 1775, and died Aug. 29, 1840.

#### CHILDREN, ONE BORN IN WALTHAM, MASS., SIX IN MILFORD.

1. Charles, b. March 17, 1799, and d. July 3, 1801.
2. Sarah, b. July 9, 1802; m. Nov. 9, 1824, Joseph, son of Joseph and Sarah (Boutwell) Winn; res. in Amherst, and d. in Milford, Oct. 28, 1892.
3. Abigail, b. Sept. 11, 1804; m. Sept. 23, 1830, Horatio G. Brown of Ipswich, Mass.; res. in Reading, Mass., and d. there Feb. 10, 1895.
4. Ann, b. Sept. 26, 1807; m. Oct. 26, 1829, Etson, son of Daniel Damon of Reading, Mass.; res. there, and d. Aug. 25, 1893.
5. Charles, b. Oct. 3, 1809, was a hotel keeper; m. in 1833, Lydia, dau. of Jotham and Anita (Cheney) Ball of Holden, Mass.; res. in Holden and in Worcester, Mass., and d. in Sing Sing, N. Y., June 1, 1854.
6. Sophia, b. Jan. 30, 1812, and d. Oct. 13, 1831.
7. Mary E., b. Dec. 24, 1815; m. Jan. 7, 1836, Henry M., son of David and Anna (Pratt) Pratt of Reading, Mass.; res. there and d. Dec. 14, 1842.

#### SYMONDS.

Eliphalet Symonds, born Jan. 20, 1765, was a farmer, residing in Milford and in Lyndeborough, where he died Dec. 4, 1844. Married in 1790, Demaris Duncklee, born in Amherst, July 20, 1766, and died in Lyndeborough, Sept. 25, 1850.

## CHILDREN, BIRTHPLACE OF FIRST FOUR NOT KNOWN, FOUR BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John, b. July 1, 1791, was a farmer, res. in Milford; enlisted in the army, and was drowned in Yellowstone river, May 18, 1819; m. Hannah, dau. of Simon and Lucy (—) Keyes of Wilton.
2. Nathaniel, b. July 1, 1791, and d. March 15, 1792.
3. Betsey, b. June 24, 1793; m. Dec. 25, 1817, Samuel, son of Samuel and Phebe (Keyes) Sheldon of Wilton; res. there and d. July 1, 1856.
4. Olive, b. Nov. 3, 1795, and d. Aug. 22, 1800.
5. Olive D., b. June 25, 1801; m. John P. Brown of Ashby, Mass.; res. there, and d. in Wilton, Feb. 2, 1879.
6. Nathaniel, b. April 9, 1804, and d. April 21, 1804.
7. Mary Ann, b. March 22, 1807; m. Daniel Ramsdell of New Ipswich; res. there and d. June 15, 1865.
8. Fanny Damaris, b. May 20, 1809; m. Oct. 30, 1832, John, son of Nehemiah, Jr., and Sarah (Batten) Rand of Milford; res. there and d. June 1, 1870.

## TALBOTT.

Sylvanus J. Talbott, son of Samuel and Eliza G. (Hodgman) Talbott, born in Brookline, Feb. 13, 1838. Is a manufacturer. Came to Milford, in 1861, from Brookline, and removed to Lynn, Mass., in 1891. Married, March 5, 1863, Abbie J., daughter of Walter and Martha J. (Moulton) Brooks, born in Milford, Aug. 4, 1844.

## CHILDREN:

1. Edgar Forest, b. in Milford, Oct. 26, 1865, and d. in Lynn, Mass., Dec. 26, 1896.

Laroy L. Talbott, a brother of Sylvanus J., was born in Brookline, Dec. 17, 1847, and came to Milford in 1867. Is a farmer. Married Aug. 5, 1869, Eliza A., daughter of Reed and Betsey (Wheeler) Dutton, born in Milford, Aug. 6, 1850.

## CHILDREN BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Bertell Laroy, b. April 5, 1872; is a physician; res. in Peterborough; m. Aug. 27, 1896, Mary E., dau. of Charles L. and Emma D. (Putnam) Otis of Hancock.
2. Carl Wheeler, b. Nov. 6, 1886.

## TANDY.

Elmer O. Tandy, son of Almon and M. Lurinda (Farr) Tandy, born in Goshen, June 5, 1858. Is a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1885, from Keene. Married, Nov. 23, 1881, Carrie C., daughter of Parker and Nancy A. (Whitney) Morgan, born in Ashby, Mass., March 1, 1859.

## CHILDREN:

1. Alice Minnie, b. in Cornish, June 11, 1883.
2. Carrie Ella, b. in Milford, Nov. 5, 1888.
3. Hazel Ruth, b. in Milford, Sept. 26, 1890.

## TARBELL.

William F. Tarbell, son of William and Lydia (Spalding) Tarbell, born in Lynn, Mass., Jan. 11, 1815. Was a mechanic. Came to Milford in 1826, from Exeter and died Aug. 13, 1871. Married, Nov. 23, 1848, Sarah Ann, daughter of Deacon Abner H. and Sarah (Fisher) Bartlett, born in Milford, March 11, 1820.

## CHILDREN BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Appleton, b. April 11, 1850; is a machinist; res. in Milford; unm.
2. Wendell Phillips, b. Dec. 18, 1854; is a mechanic; res. in Milford; unm.
3. Julian Morton, b. May 23, 1864; is a machinist; m. July 24, 1895, Belle C., dau. of Joel W. and Hulda A. (Kendall) Hamblett of Milford and res. there.

Charles Tarbell, a brother of William F., born in Exeter, Jan. 7, 1825. Was a wheelwright. Came to Milford in 1826, from Exeter, and died in Milford, June 6, 1900. Married (1) Lucy A., daughter of Tyler and Sally (Rockwood) Towne, born in Milford, June 27, 1827, and died July 26, 1850; (2) Dec. 26, 1850, Sarah S., daughter of Joseph, Jr., and Sarah (Stratton) Winn, born in Amherst, Aug. 16, 1830.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Adaline, b. March 15, 1847; res. in Milford; unm.
2. Charles Henry, b. April 1, 1850; d. Sept., 1850.
3. Charlie, b. Feb., 1853; d. March, 1853.
4. †Albert Henry, b. March 21, 1857.
5. Charles Willis, b. Oct. 4, 1863; d. Sept. 17, 1882.

Albert H. Tarbell, son of Charles and Sarah S. (Winn) Tarbell, born in Milford, March 21, 1857. Is a mechanic. Married, Nov. 22, 1881, Mary E., daughter of Edmund and Ellen (Many) Ryan, born in Chelmsford, Mass., March 26, 1858.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Edward, b. June 20, 1883.
2. Edward Albert, b. March 12, 1888.

Whitcomb Tarbell, born in Mason, March 19, 1820. Was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1858, from Mason, and died May 22, 1895. Married May 23, 1844, Sarah Parker, born in Pepperell, Mass., Oct. 10, 1815, and died in Milford, Jan. 10, 1898.

## CHILDREN, THREE BORN IN PEPPERELL, MASS., AND ONE IN MASON.

1. Eunice Maria, b. May 28, 1845; m. Aug. 8, 1866, Charles Maynard of Lyndeborough; res. there, and d. April 16, 1880.
2. John Whitcomb, b. Aug. 14, 1847; is a farmer; res. in western part of the town; m. March 19, 1876, Hattie F., dau. of John R. and Martha (Stevens) Hall of Wilton.
3. Franklin Pierce, b. Aug. 17, 1853; m. in 1875, Alice Maconnell of New Ipswich, and d. March 15, 1879.
4. Lucy Ann, b. Sept. 17, 1855, and d. in Milford, March 5, 1867.

George W. Tarbell, son of Luther A. and Louisa (Farnsworth) Tarbell, born in Wilton, Feb. 10, 1856. Is an expressman. Resides in Milford on the road to Nashua. Married, (1) April 15, 1879, Rebecca E., daughter of William Hawood, born in England, Dec. 15, 1852, and died in Manchester, Feb. 5, 1885; (2) Feb. 22, 1887, Ermina J., daughter of David and Rebecca (Purdy) Cassaboom, born in Nova Scotia, Nov. 19, 1862, and died in Milford, Sept. 5, 1892; (3) June 17, 1895, E. Elena, daughter of Alfred and Sarah A. (Clowes) Bennett, born in England, July 17, 1860.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lulu Iola, b. in Nashua, Jan. 7, 1880.
2. Lora Louisa, b. in Wilton, Aug. 14, 1882.
3. Lola Luella, b. in Temple, Feb. 27, 1884.
4. Luther Allen, b. in Nashua, March 21, 1889.
5. Ermina, b. in Milford, May 12, 1892.
6. Emily Astin, b. in Milford, May 13, 1896.
7. Eldora Beatrice, b. in Milford, Jan. 13, 1899.

## TAYLOR.

Thomas Taylor, son of William and Sarah — Taylor, born in Hudson, Feb. 17, 1764. Was a farmer. Resided in the east part of town on road to Nashua, where he died Sept. 5, 1848. Married, in 1792, Susanna, daughter of Josiah and Susan (Fitch) Munroe, born in Lexington, Mass., Sept. 22, 1770, and died in Milford, Jan. 25, 1852.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. †William, b. July 13, 1793.
2. Susannah, b. Sept. 22, 1795; d. June 19, 1814.
3. Harriet, b. Jan. 27, 1798; d. Dec. 25, 1814.
4. Mary, b. March 13, 1800; m. July 19, 1827; Timothy, Jr., son of Timothy and Mary (Nevins) Danforth of Milford; she removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and d. there, June 30, 1898.
5. Joseph Fitch, b. April 25, 1803; and d. Feb. 25, 1824.
6. John, b. Sept. 28, 1807; was a merchant; resided in Nashua; m. July 3, 1832, Mary, dau. of Ebenezer and Dorcas (Lufkin) Flint of Hillsborough; he d. in Nashua, Dec. 14, 1878.
7. Caroline Rebecca, b. Jan. 6, 1810; m. Aug. 10, 1836, Ephraim, son of Ephraim and Sally (French) Crosby of Lowell, Mass.; they res. in Chelmsford, Mass.
8. Porter, b. March 25, 1812; d. Dec. 3, 1832.

William Taylor, son of Thomas and Susannah (Munroe) Taylor, born in Milford, July 13, 1793. Was a farmer. Removed to Nashua in 1835, thence to Shirley, Mass., where he died Jan. 24, 1869. He was a member of the Massachusetts legislature in 1854 and 1855. Married, Sept. 1, 1814, Phebe, daughter of David and Sarah (Hood) Duncklee, born in Milford, Oct. 19, 1792, and died in Shirley, Mass., April 9, 1877.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Munroe, b. Dec. 12, 1815; was a manufacturer; res. in Newtonville, Mass., and d. in Wadena, Minn., March 3, 1882; m. Adaline Battle of North Bridgewater, Mass.
2. Susan Emeline, b. Oct. 23, 1817; m. Jan. 7, 1844, Samuel, son of Samuel and Mary (Hill) Rand of Barnstead, and res. in Lowell, Mass.
3. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. Sept. 22, 1822; m. Dec. 5, 1844, George W., son of Sodi and Permelia (Lovejoy) Sanderson of Shirley Village, Mass., and res. there.



4. William H., b. Feb. 14, 1826; was an insurance agent; res. in Seattle, Wash., where he d. Nov. 15, 1893; m. April 29, 1852, Hattie E., daughter of Henry R. and Harriet (Davis) Phelps of Fitchburg, Mass.
5. Caroline, b. March 15, 1828; m. April 4, 1860, Frederick A., son of Maj. Joseph and Mehitabel (Whitcomb) Edgerton of Shirley, Mass., and res. in Clinton, Mass.
6. Joseph Warren, b. Aug. 16, 1830, is a hotel keeper; res. East Jaffrey; m. Amelia H., dau. of Lewis McIntire of Shirley, Mass.
7. Sarah D., b. July 24, 1832, and died in Lowell, Mass., June 7, 1854.

Samuel Taylor, son of Samuel and Susannah (Perham) Taylor, born in Dunstable, Mass., March 22, 1756. Was a farmer. Resided on the place now owned by Edward H. Clark. Came to Milford, in 1810, from Dunstable, Mass., and returned there in 1835, and died Jan. 9, 1841. Married, in 1777, Ruth Parker, born in Groton, Mass., Oct. 18, 1757, and died in Dunstable, Dec. 30, 1837.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN DUNSTABLE, MASS.

1. Ruth, b. May 2, 1778; d. in June, 1778.
2. Ruth, b. June 29, 1780; d. in Lyndeborough, March 9, 1862; unm.
3. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 8, 1783; m. Oct. 20, 1805, George, son of Isaac and Sybil (—) Wright of Dunstable; res. there, and d. Aug. 30, 1864.
4. Eda, b. April 9, 1785, and d. in June, 1789.
5. Rhoda, b. Aug. 24, 1787; m. Aug. 16, 1818, Oliver, son of Oliver and Martha (Dunster) Wright of Nelson; they rem. to Nunda, N. Y., where she d. July 11, 1868.
6. †Samuel, b. Feb. 16, 1790.
7. William Parker, b. July 23, 1792, and died in 1798.
8. †Luther, b. July 18, 1794.
9. Eda, b. July 23, 1798, and d. Oct. 18, 1798.

Samuel Taylor, Jr., born in Dunstable, Mass., Feb. 16, 1790. Was a brass and iron worker. Came to Milford with his father in 1810, and removed to Rochester, N. Y., in 1831, thence to Perry and to Warsaw, and later to Beloit, Wis., where he died July 22, 1871. Married, Dec. 18, 1821, Anna, daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Holmes) Gregg, born in Greenfield, Sept. 10, 1800, and died in Beloit, Wis., June 26, 1875.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Holmes, b. in Milford, Oct. 6, 1822; m. June 13, 1844, Luther S., son of Anson A. and Betsey (Worden) Perkins of Warsaw, N. Y., and res. in Beloit, Wis.
2. Elizabeth Cavender, b. in Milford, Oct. 16, 1824, and d. in Warsaw, N. Y., March 2, 1839.
3. Jane Elfine, b. in Nashua, May 9, 1827; m. Nov. 23, 1849, George W. Bates, Jr., of Warsaw, N. Y.; res. in Beloit, Wis., and d. there Dec. 17, 1876.
4. Ami Parmelia, b. in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1832; m. Jan. 9, 1856, Howland V., son of Abram H., and Ann M. (Waites) Grovesteen of Beloit, Wis.; res. there and d. Dec. 6, 1877.
5. Newton Samuel, b. in Perry, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1837; is a manufacturer of patent medicine and res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. Dec. 5, 1867, Kate, dau. of Hugh and Emily (Percival) Harding of Mount Morris, N. Y.
6. Geneva Elizabeth, b. in Warsaw, N. Y., May 19, 1842, and d. in Beloit, Wis., April 28, 1860.

Luther Taylor, a brother of Samuel, Jr., born in Dunstable, Mass., July 18, 1794. Was a farmer. Resided with his father. Came to Milford in 1810, and removed to Perry, N. Y., in 1835, where he died Oct. 17, 1837. Married, Nov. 10, 1825, Abigail, daughter of Temple and Prudence (Swallow) Kendall, born in Dunstable, Mass., March 31, 1800, and died in Groton, Mass., March 3, 1848.

## CHILDREN.

1. William Parker, b. in Milford, Oct. 17, 1826; was a manufacturer of furniture; res. in Townsend, Mass., where he d. March 9, 1896; m. (1) May 29, 1851, Mary E. Robinson of Warren, Me., (2) Jan. 25, 1870, Anna Clement of Townsend, Mass.
2. James Kendall, b. in Milford, Jan. 29, 1830; is a machinist; res. in Boston, Mass.; m. June 3, 1858, Sarah A. Hall.
3. Samuel Stillman, b. in Milford, Aug. 7, 1832; res. in California; unm.
4. Lavina P., b. in Perry, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1838; m. George M. Spalding, and res. in Norwich, Conn.

Josiah W. Taylor, born in Hampton in 1809, was a farmer. Came to Milford in 1852 from Lowell, Mass., and died July 25, 1857. Married, (1) December, 1835, Lucretia A., daughter of Moses and Rhoda (Gove) Lull, born in Weare, Dec. 5, 1815, died in Lowell, Mass., July 23, 1851; (2) September,

1855, Harriet, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Plummer) Stevens, born in Goffstown, Jan. 3, 1823, and died in Milford, July 18, 1895.

## CHILDREN.

1. Josephine, b. in Lowell, Mass., July 3, 1840; m. Sept. 8, 1862, George T., son of John and Sarah (Putnam) Mills of Milford; res. in Cleveland, Ohio, and d. there July 23, 1884.
2. Emma Maria, b. in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 18, 1845; is a teacher, and res. in Toledo, Ohio.
3. Hattie Lucretia, b. in Milford, March 3, 1856; m. March 4, 1879, Hermon H., son of William and Sarah (Smiley) Parker of New Boston.

Nathan T. Taylor, son of Philip and Johana (Torrey) Taylor, born in Woodstock, Vt., April 9, 1824. Was a teamster. Came to Milford in 1873, from Amherst, and died July 13, 1896. Married, May 19, 1847, Mary J., daughter of John and Lucinda (Caldwell) Upton, born in Stoddard, May 24, 1826. Now resides in Nashua.

## CHILDREN.

1. Etta Sophronia, b. in Lyndeborough, June 8, 1848; m. Nov. 29, 1876, Andrew M., son of Dennis A. and Emily (Shattuck) Otis of Nashua and res. there.
2. Ella Jane, b. in Lyndeborough, Sept. 5, 1850; m. Jan. 31, 1878, George F., son of George O. and Caroline (Gilson) Parker of Milford and res. there.
3. George Woodbury, b. in Amherst, May 17, 1869; is a teamster and town road agent; m. Nov. 30, 1889, Emma G., dau. of Joel H. and Angeline (Spalding) Fisher of Milford; they have one child, Bernard Chester, b. July 5, 1890.

Sumner O. Taylor, son of Orrin and Charlotte (Hayward) Taylor, born in Acworth, May 22, 1842. Is a farmer. Came to Milford in 1893. Married, March 1, 1866, Almina M., daughter of Zepheniah and Ruth (Page) Johnson, born in Acworth, Dec. 18, 1840, and died in Milford, March 6, 1900.

## CHILDREN.

1. Carrie Mabel, b. in Acworth, June 24, 1871; m. Aug. 2, 1894, Eugene E., son of George A. and Clara H. (Pike) Heath of Claremont; they res. in Milford.

## TEMPLE.

Timothy G. Temple, son of Benjamin and Phebe (Green) Temple, born in Northborough, Mass., March 5, 1806, was a woodturner; came to Milford in 1842, from New Ipswich, and died Feb. 13, 1888. Married (1) Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Holden) Knowlton, born in New Ipswich in 1797, and died in Milford, April 14, 1858; (2) Oct. 3, 1858, Hannah C., daughter of Jacob and Keziah L. (Powers) Newell, born in Jaffrey, Dec. 1, 1816, and died in Milford, June 26, 1890.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NEW IPSWICH.

1. John Augustus, b. Dec. 19, 1830, is a woodturner, res. in Vine-land, N. J.; m. Nov. 13, 1851, Louisa, dau. of Moses and Amy (Lawrence) Boynton of Amherst.
2. Charles Walker, b. Feb. 14, 1833; m. Nov. 15, 1855, Caroline F., dau. of Isaac P. and Mary J. (Howard) Weston of Amherst; is a mechanic, and res. in Manchester.
3. † George Thane, b. Oct. 11, 1835.
4. Ira Holden, b. in 1838, and d. in New Ipswich, April, 1842.

George T. Temple, son of Timothy G. and Sarah (Knowlton) Temple, born in New Ipswich, Oct. 11, 1835, was a cabinet maker; resided in Milford, and died June 28, 1892. Married Jan. 1, 1860, Hattie A., daughter of George and Fannie (Coggin) Prince, born in Amherst, Feb. 8, 1841.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN WILTON.

1. Fannie Louella, b. Dec. 22, 1860; m. June 7, 1882, Frank Z., son of Lewis and Cynthia (Mitchell) Smith of Francestown.
2. Arthur Prince, b. May 12, 1875, is a merchant, res. in Mont Vernon; m. April 27, 1898, Mary Susie, dau. of Porter and Susan (Cloutman) Kendall of Mont Vernon.

## THOMPSON.

Hannaford Thompson, son of Wilson and Lavinia (Cole) Thompson, born in Sackville, N. B., March 30, 1853, is engaged in moving buildings; came to Milford in 1886, from Medford, Mass. Married April 16, 1888, Martha, daughter of Abel and Elizabeth (Best) Dewire, born in Point De Butte, N. B., Sept. 28, 1861.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hazel May, b. May 5, 1889.
2. Norval Hannaford, b. March 17, 1891.
3. Lavina Edna, b. Nov. 18, 1892, and d. Dec. 20, 1899.
4. Royal Alton, b. Dec. 14, 1894.
5. Marion Mildred, b. Jan. 20, 1900.

## TILTON.

Alfred E. A. Tilton, son of James L. and Harriet A. (Swan) Tilton, born in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 5, 1862, is a teamster; came to Milford in 1893, from Amherst. Resides at East Milford. Married March 15, 1883, Sarah Alice, daughter of John and Frances A. (Woods) Longa, born in Hollis, April 21, 1866. No children.

## TINKER.

Alvah G. Tinker, son of Lauren and Hannah C. (Glidden) Tinker, born in Marlow, Aug. 17, 1838, is a clerk; came to Milford in 1892, from Nashua. Married Oct. 4, 1866, Ellen A., daughter of Ebenezer P. and Roanna (Keyes) Duncklee, born in Milford, Jan. 25, 1846.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN NASHUA.

1. George Milan, b. June 17, 1867, is a machinist, res. in Waltham, Mass.; m. July 24, 1894, Mary J. Tuttle of Nova Scotia.
2. Charles Lauren, b. Nov. 1, 1870, is a machinist, and res. in Waltham, Mass.
3. Willis Herbert, b. April 26, 1874, is a post-office clerk, and res. in Nashua.

## TIRRELL.

Jesse W. Tirrell, son of Henry J. and Mary J. (Colby) Tirrell, born in Weare, Dec. 28, 1871, is a druggist; came to Milford in 1896, from Concord. Married Dec. 27, 1893, Lillian G., daughter of Henry A. and Mary F. (Worcester) Kirby, born in Milford, May 29, 1876.

## CHILDREN.

1. Willard Henry Harold, b. in Concord, May 6, 1894.
2. Barbara Lyle, b. in Concord, April 14, 1895.
3. Kirby, b. in Milford, Aug. 19, 1899.



## TOWNE.

1. William Towne married Joanna Blessing, and resided in Yarmouth, Norfolk county, England, in 1620; resided in Salem, Essex county, Mass., in 1640, and died in Topsfield in 1672, aged about seventy-five years. They had eight children. Their son—

2. Joseph, born in 1639, married Phebe Perkins, daughter of Dea. Thomas Perkins of Topsfield. Was made a freeman March 22, 1690, and died in 1713, aged seventy-four. They had eight children. Their son—

3. Joseph, born March 22, 1673, married Margaret Case of Salem, Mass., Nov. 9, 1699. They had fourteen children. Their son—

4. Jonathan, born Sept. 6, 1728, married Mary Dean of Salem, Mass., Oct. 31, 1751, removed to Monson, now Milford, in 1760, and died at Crown Point, July, 1776.

Jonathan Towne, son of Joseph and Margaret (Case) Towne, born in Topsfield, Mass., Sept. 6, 1728, was a farmer, residing in Milford, on the road to Nashua; came from Topsfield in 1760. He died at Crown Point, July, 1776, while in the Revolutionary army. Married Oct. 31, 1751, Mary Dean, born in Salem, Mass.

## CHILDREN, THREE BORN IN TOPSFIELD, THREE IN MILFORD.

1. † Jonathan, Jr., b. April 28, 1754.
2. Mary, b. Sept. 23, 1756.
3. Betsey, b. 1758.
4. Aaron, b. March 14, 1761.
5. Jane, b. 1763.
6. Phebe, b. Nov. 13, 1765.

Jonathan Towne, Jr., son of Jonathan and Mary (Dean) Towne, born in Topsfield, Mass., April 28, 1754, was a farmer; resided on the homestead, and died there Dec. 31, 1842. Married October, 1783, Mary, daughter of Samuel Blanchard, born in Billerica, Mass., Feb. 6, 1748, and died in Milford, April 14, 1829.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Jonathan, 3d, b. Aug. 6, 1784.
2. David, b. Jan. 18, 1786, was a farmer, res. in Claremont, where he d. April 6, 1879; m. Jan. 22, 1817, Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Moore) Cotton of Milford.
3. Mary, b. Nov. 16, 1787; res. in Milford, and d. April 4, 1874, unm.

Jonathan Towne, 3d, son of Jonathan and Mary (Blanchard) Towne, born in Milford. Aug. 6, 1784, was a farmer; resided in Bow about twenty years, returning to Milford in 1830, and resided on the homestead, where he died Feb. 10, 1874. Married Nov. 2, 1809, Clarissa, daughter of John Hoyt, born in Concord, Feb. 12, 1790, and died in Milford, Nov. 2, 1890.

## CHILDREN, NINE BORN IN BOW AND ONE IN MILFORD.

1. † William Blanchard, b. Oct. 12, 1810.
2. Jonathan Porter, b. Jan. 12, 1812; d. July 23, 1837.
3. Mary, b. July 31, 1814; m. March 8, 1849, Hezekiah Hamblett of Milford; res. there, and d. Oct. 25, 1884.
4. Clarissa, b. April 25, 1816; m. June 2, 1845, Joseph H. Adams of Boston, Mass.; res. there and in Abington, thence to Stamford, Conn., where he d. The widow returned to Milford, and d. June 11, 1896.
5. Nathaniel Marsh, b. Sept. 25, 1818, and d. Feb. 25, 1819.
6. Nancy Gault, b. Dec. 1, 1819; m. Dec. 11, 1844, Joel W., son of David and Sarah (Hood) Duncklee of Milford, and res. there.
7. Nathaniel, b. Sept. 24, 1822, was a carpenter, then a merchant, m. Sept. 2, 1846, Mary S., dau. of Jephtha and Mary (Hosley) Wright of Nashua; res. in Manchester, Ia., and d. there Feb. 6, 1889.
8. John Parker, b. June 12, 1826, is a lawyer, res. in Edgerton, Wis.; m. Dec. 20, 1860, Rozilla, dau. of Nelson and Wealthy (Eastman) Ford of Cambridge, Dane Co., Wis.
9. † Ezra Carter, b. Oct. 22, 1829.
10. Caroline Maria, b. April 7, 1832; m. June 27, 1855, John W., son of Apollos and Lucy (Kingsbury) Nye of Keene, and res. there.

William B. Towne, son of Jonathan and Clarissa (Hoyt) Towne, born in Bow, Oct. 12, 1810, was a merchant; resided in Boston, Mass., over twenty years; came from there to Milford in 1867; resided there, and died in Jamaica Plains, Mass., April 10, 1876. Married (1) June 15, 1842, Nancy F., daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy (French) Hill; (2) April 23, 1867, Susan Jane, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hale) Putnam, of Milford.

## CHILDREN.

1. William Henry, b. in Boston, Mass., Oct. 18, 1843, was a lawyer; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there Feb. 27, 1894; m. Sept. 23, 1868, Emma I., dau. of Israel and Deborah C. (Briggs) Nash of Boston, Mass.
2. Charles Edward, b. in Boston, Mass., Aug. 29, 1845, is a lawyer, and res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. May 11, 1876, Laura M., dau. of John D. and Laura A. (Sherrill) Caton of Chicago.
3. Arthur French, b. in Brookline, Mass., March 21, 1854, is a lawyer, res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. Sept. 21, 1887, Minnie J., dau. of Z. G. and Emma E. (Robeson) Simmons of Kenosha, Wis.

Ezra Carter Towne, son of Jonathan and Clarissa (Hoyt) Towne, born in Bow, Oct. 22, 1829, is a carpenter, residing in Milford. Married (1) Feb. 16, 1858, Nancy O., daughter of Asa and Nancy (Crosby) Burns of Milford, born Dec. 31, 1832, and died Aug. 7, 1880; (2) Nov. 27, 1884, Martha M., daughter of Samuel and Martha (Woodward) Holt, born in Bangor, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1841.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Carter, b. May 18, 1862, is a provision dealer, res. in Manchester, unm.
2. Hattie Caroline, b. April 15, 1866; m. Nov. 20, 1884, Charles B., son of Brooks R. and Mary H. (Duncklee) Came of Milford, and res. there.

Tyler Towne, born in Lyndeborough in 1794, was a farmer, residing at the junction of the road to Lyndeborough with the old road to Mont Vernon, in the northern part of the town, where he died March 21, 1875. Married March 19, 1822, Sally, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Fletcher) Rockwood, born in Wilton, Aug. 24, 1800, and died in Milford, Dec. 19, 1860.

## CHILDREN.

1. Sarah Jane, b. in Lyndeborough, Aug. 31, 1823; m. Nathan G. Wightman, and res. in Lafayette, O.
2. Joseph Franklin, b. in Milford, April 18, 1825; m. Abbie M. Pond; d. in Bennington, July 21, 1851.
3. Lucy Adaline, b. in Milford, June 27, 1827; m. Charles Tarbell; d. in Amherst, July 26, 1850.
4. Edwin Tyler, b. in Milford, March 6, 1830, and d. there April 10, 1832.

5. Hannah M., b. in Milford, Aug. 19, 1833; m. April 8, 1852, William P. Easton; res. in Milford.
6. Harriet Elizabeth, b. in Lyndeborough, Jan. 18, 1836; m. June 18, 1854, James N. Lovejoy of Amherst, and d. in Nashua, January, 1881.
7. Mary Abby, b. in Milford, April 25, 1840; m. Frank B. Cilley of Vermont, and res. in Somerville, Mass.

John Towne, son of Thomas and Sally (Cole) Towne, born in Lyndeborough, July 28, 1781, was a farmer; came to Milford in 1838, from Wilton, and died Feb. 10, 1866. Married (1) 1815, Betsey Carr, born in New Boston, and died in Lyndeborough in 1822; (2) Lucy, daughter of William and Ely (Parker) Heywood, born in Mont Vernon, July 9, 1795, and died in Milford, Feb. 13, 1879.

CHILDREN, EIGHT BORN IN LYNDEBOROUGH, ONE IN WILTON.

1. Louisa, b. Feb. 1, 1816; m. Sept. 20, 1835, John B., son of Samuel and Eliza N. (Lovejoy) Runals of Nashua; res. in Concord, and d. there Oct. 15, 1878.
2. † John, Jr., b. Jan. 13, 1818.
3. † Samuel, b. Aug. 1, 1820.
4. Mary Homan, b. in 1822; m. Nov. 10, 1854, George, son of Samuel and Sally (Towne) Richardson of Northfield, Vt.; res. there, and d. March 23, 1875.
5. Jesse Wilkins, b. Sept. 20, 1828; d. young.
6. Elizabeth, b. July 20, 1830; m. in 1853, Fred S. Green of Townsend, Mass., and res. in Grand Haven, Mich.
7. Lucy Jane, b. March, 1832, and d. March, 1845.
8. † Erastus Darwin, b. Nov. 25, 1833.
9. Nancy Amanda, b. April 17, 1837; m. April 30, 1863, Nathaniel L., son of Nathaniel and Martha (Wetherbee) Parker; res. in East Whitman, Mass.

John Towne, Jr., son of John and Betsey (Carr) Towne, born in Lyndeborough, Jan. 13, 1818, was a farmer; came to Milford in 1838; resided in the village, where he died April 5, 1898. Married Sept. 11, 1845, Elvira, daughter of Peter and Sally (Duncklee) Burns, born in Milford, Dec. 22, 1824.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Clara Jane, b. Sept. 22, 1858; m. April 26, 1882, Chester C., son of Walker R. and Nancy J. (Clark) Fitch of Milford, and res. there.

2. Annie Belle, b. May 26, 1868; m. Oct. 5, 1887, George P., son of Horace and Fanny E. (Patterson) Holt of Milford, and res. in West Somerville, Mass.

Samuel Towne, son of John and Betsey (Carr) Towne, born in Lyndeborough, Aug. 1, 1820, was a teamster; came to Milford in 1844, and died April 26, 1857. Married Aug. 2, 1843, Abigail, daughter of Henry and Polly (Odell) Howard, born in Amherst, Aug. 21, 1823, and resides in Milford.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ann Maria, b. July 31, 1844, and d. June 26, 1862.
2. Abby Adella, b. Jan. 8, 1847, and d. July 6, 1865.
3. George Edward, b. Aug. 11, 1853; d. in Nashua, Nov. 9, 1854.

Erastus D. Towne, son of John and Lucy (Hayward) Towne, born in Lyndeborough, Nov. 25, 1833, is a farmer. Married Dec. 15, 1859, Lydia M., daughter of Nathaniel W. and Asenath (Melendy) Colburn, born in Brookline, Feb. 26, 1837, and died in Milford, April 29, 1884.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Vinnie Adelaide, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Aug. 10, 1862; m. July 24, 1887, Asa J., son of Phineas G. and Caroline M. (Dickinson) Fisher of Milford, and res. there.
2. Fred Darwin, b. in Brookline, Sept. 23, 1865; employed by an electric light company, and res. in Nashua; m. Oct. 10, 1894, Emma Allen of Groton.

#### TUCK.

1. Joseph Tuck, married in Beverly in 1698. Their son—
2. William Tuck, born May 15, 1711, married June 4, 1733, Elizabeth Sewall. Their son—
3. William Tuck, born June 22, 1740, and died March 2, 1826; married Nov. 24, 1763, Mary Lee. Their son—
4. Samuel Lee Tuck, was father of Eben Baker Tuck, who died in Milford, May 6, 1862.

Eben Baker Tuck, son of Samuel L. and Bethiah (Baker) Tuck, born in Manchester, Mass., July 1, 1810, was a farmer; came to Milford in 1846, from Nashua, and died May 6, 1862. Married (1) August, 1838, Lydia W. Locke, born in George-



town or Lexington, Mass., and died in Croydon, Aug. 8, 1839 ;  
 (2) June 1, 1842, Lydia Smith, daughter of David and Lucy  
 (Wright) Frye, born in Croydon, Sept. 8, 1820, and died in  
 Milford, April 28, 1860.

## CHILDREN.

1. George Samuel, b. in Croydon, March 1, 1839, and d. in Lexington, Mass., Oct. 1, 1839.
2. George Samuel, b. in Nashua, Sept. 3, 1843, and d. in Milford, April 1, 1865.
3. Charles Henry, b. in Nashua, Nov. 28, 1845, is an expressman, res. in Worcester, Mass.; m. Nov. 27, 1873, Eliza A., dau. of John G. and Louisa (Meyers) Shaw, b. in West Dresden, Me.
4. Ann Elizabeth, b. in Milford, Oct. 12, 1847, and d. there Aug. 25, 1848.
5. Ella Jane, b. in Nashua, Oct. 17, 1850, and d. in Wilton, Aug. 4, 1852.
6. Ellen Luetta, b. in Milford, Aug. 9, 1855; m. March 10, 1880, John, son of Alexander and Mary (Haye) McLane of Milford, and res. there.
7. Edward Arthur, b. in Milford, Feb. 6, 1860, is a clergyman; m. Feb. 17, 1897, Grace E., dau. of Thomas and Susan A. (Pierce) Whitson of Newburg, N. Y.

## TUCKER.

Joseph Tucker, son of Joseph and Sarah (Hill) Tucker, born in Dorchester, Mass., Jan. 31, 1790, was a farmer; came to Milford in 1815, from Boston, Mass., and resided on the place formerly owned by Peter Hopkins and since owned by Moses Proctor, on the road to Wilton, and died April 17, 1871. Married April 14, 1812, Lydia, daughter of William B. and Rebecca (Gulliver) Crehore, born in Milton, Mass., Dec. 14, 1794, and died in Milford, Sept. 27, 1891.

## CHILDREN, THREE BORN IN BOSTON, MASS., SEVEN IN MILFORD.

1. George, b. July 14, 1812, was a carpenter, res. in Boston, Mass.; rem. to Chicago, Ill., before 1860, and d. there Oct. 26, 1867; m. in 1849, Harriet A. Yeager of Boston, Mass., who d. there February, 1887. They had one child, Mary Ann, b. in Boston, September, 1851, and d. in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 18, 1860.
2. Eliza, b. Jan. 26, 1814, and d. same day.
3. Eliza, b. April 9, 1815; m. Nov. 15, 1836, Pomroy M. Rossiter of Claremont; res in Milford, and d. there June 7, 1874.
4. † William, b. Aug. 2, 1817.

5. Ann Rebecca, b. Sept. 16, 1820; m. May 25, 1847, Charles H., son of Daniel and Susan (Story) Campbell of Amherst; res. in Lawrence, Mass.
6. Charles Joseph, b. Dec. 21, 1822, was a railroad conductor; m. June 25, 1849, Martha Wood of Detroit, Mich., and res. there; d. in Milford, Aug. 1, 1852.
7. Mary Lydia, b. April 4, 1825, was a milliner; res. in Milford, and d. July 26, 1899, unm.
8. Hannah Adaline, b. Dec. 12, 1827, and d. April 4, 1832.
9. James Crehore, b. Oct 26, 1831, was superintendent of public buildings; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there Dec. 26, 1893; m. Nov. 16, 1858, Maria A. Sampson of Boston, Mass.
10. † John Crehore, b. June 3, 1834.

William Tucker, son of Joseph and Lydia (Crehore) Tucker, born in Milford, Aug. 2, 1817, is a retired carpenter. Resided over forty-five years in Boston, Mass.; returned to Milford a few years since, and now resides there. Married (1) Aug. 2, 1838, Harriet E., daughter of Harmon and Prudence (Clapp) Ruggles, born in Wrentham, Mass., July 6, 1815, and died in Milford, April, 1844; (2) Feb. 8, 1846, Mary L., daughter of Enoch and Mary (Leavitt) Boothbay, born in Buxton, Me., Dec. 14, 1823, and died in Boston, Mass., May 26, 1866; (3) Oct. 21, 1869, Emeline A., daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth M. (Stevens) Tower, born in Boston, June 9, 1834.

#### CHILDREN.

1. William Henry, b. in Wrentham, Mass., Feb. 23, 1840. is a printer and res. in Middletown, O.; m. (1) September, 1860, Myra Harwood of Nashua; (2) Aug. 16, 1875, Elizabeth J. McChesney.
2. Herman Albert, b. in Milford, Nov. 23, 1843, and d. in the army, at Port Royal, S. C., Jan. 21, 1862.
3. Charles Edwin, b. in Milford, May 6, 1847, is a clerk, res. in Boston, Mass.; m. June 1, 1876, Annie E. S. Fiske.

John C. Tucker, son of Joseph and Lydia (Crehore) Tucker, born in Milford, June 3, 1834, is general passenger agent, and now resides in Chicago. After leaving Milford he resided in Harrison, O., and Lafayette, Ind., for a time, thence to his present residence. Married Jan. 25, 1863, Mary A., daughter of Enoch E. and Lydia (Kennedy) Adams, born in Morris, Ind., Sept. 15, 1843.

## CHILDREN.

1. Annie Lydia, b. in Harrison, O., March 14, 1865; m. June 27, 1885, Oscar A., son of Albert L. and Marie (Pints) Woodruff of Chicago, Ill., and res. in Dayton, O.
2. Nellie Mary, b. in Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 30, 1866; m. Feb. 20, 1894, William Wallace, son of William Wallace and Elizabeth (Darst) Bierce of Montgomery, Ala., res. in New Orleans, La., and d. February, 1899.
3. Jennie Adelaide, b. in Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 25, 1868, and d. in Chicago, Ill., May 7, 1882.
4. Joseph Adams, b. in Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 5, 1876, and d. in Chicago, Ill., May 31, 1882.

## TURNER.

Caleb Turner, whose mother's maiden name was Mary Conn, was born in Harvard, Mass., Oct. 27, 1788. Was a blacksmith; came from Harvard, Mass., in 1815, and removed to Antrim in 1834, where he died Oct. 21, 1864. Married in 1809. Sally Conn., born in Harvard, Mass., Oct. 5, 1788, and died in Antrim, June 11, 1868.

## CHILDREN, TWO BORN IN HARVARD, MASS., AND NINE IN MILFORD.

1. Betsey, b. July 27, 1810, and d. Nov. 2, 1814.
2. Sally, b. Oct. 27, 1812, and d. in Antrim, April 5, 1841.
3. † Granville, b. Oct. 5, 1815.
4. George, b. Nov. 10, 1817; d. March 23, 1818.
5. Averill, b. March 21, 1819; drowned in the Contoocook river in Antrim, June 9, 1837.
6. Mary Smith, b. Feb. 21, 1821; d. in Antrim, July 12, 1839.
7. Caleb, b. March 14, 1823; drowned in the Contoocook river in Antrim, July 18, 1841.
8. Rachel Goodrich, b. Aug. 31, 1824, and d. July 4, 1826.
9. Rachel Goodrich, b. Dec. 25, 1826; m. Nov. 25, 1851, James S., son of John and Ruth (Baker) Ellenwood of Deering, and res. in West Deering.
10. George, b. Aug. 17, 1828, was a farmer; res. in Antrim, where he d. Feb. 12, 1891; m. Jan. 1, 1863, Caroline E., dau. of William and Betsey W. (Rice) Duncan of Antrim.
11. Charles, b. Jan. 14, 1831, is a mail carrier; res. in Hancock; m. Geraldine, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Butterfield) Kennedy of West Deering.

Granville Turner, son of Caleb and Sally (Conn) Turner, born in Milford, Oct. 5, 1815, was a blacksmith, and later a carpenter; resided in Milford, and died there Jan. 12, 1897.

Married June 6, 1837, Martha, daughter of Joshua and Martha (Smith) Marcy, born in Pepperell, Mass., April 24, 1813, and died in Milford, Aug. 26, 1882.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Chester Averill, b. Feb. 12, 1838, and d. March 15, 1838.
2. Charles Granville, b. Dec. 25, 1840, and d. June 4, 1841.
3. † Frederic Fales, b. Sept. 1, 1845.
4. † Frank Elmore, b. July 21, 1847.
5. Ella Martha, b. Feb. 22, 1852; m. Nov. 24, 1874, William H., son of William and Maria A. (Moore) Ramsdell of Milford, and res. there.
6. Nellie Calista, b. Nov. 18, 1859; m. June 24, 1884, George H., son of Joseph and Mary L. (Holmes) Eaton of Milford, and res. there. They have a dau., Amy Marcy, b. Dec. 14, 1899.

Frederick F. Turner, son of Granville and Martha (Marcy) Turner, born in Milford, Sept. 1, 1845, is a mechanic, and resides in Milford. Married Dec. 31, 1868, Georgianna A., daughter of Harrison D. and Betsey M. (White) Washburn, born in Peterborough, Nov. 24, 1848.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles James Smith, b. May 9, 1871, and d. March 30, 1872.
2. Harrison Granville, b. April 19, 1874, is a finisher; res. in Pepperell, Mass.; m. Dec. 25, 1897, Lucy E., dau. of George Brown of Bath, Me.

Frank E. Turner, son of Granville and Martha (Marcy) Turner, born in Milford, July 21, 1847, is sexton of Trinity church, and resides in New Haven, Conn. Married June 13, 1879, Emily F., daughter of S. V. and Lydia A. (Dibble) Ingham, born in New Haven, Conn., Aug. 11, 1847.

#### CHILD.

1. Harwood Ingham, b. in New Haven, Conn, June 20, 1882.

#### TUTTLE.

Charles Tuttle, born in Acton, Mass., in 1870, was a physician; came to Milford in 1800, from Acton, returned in 1820, and died there in 1858. Married in 1797, Hannah, daughter of George and Jane (McQuaid) Burns, born in Milford, Aug. 25, 1771, and died there May 15, 1858.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Pamela, b. Dec. 11, 1800; m. June 21, 1818, Frederic, son of Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy of Wilton; res. in Milford, and d. in Nashua, Dec. 17, 1863.
2. Maria, b. in 1802, and d. Oct. 15, 1808.
3. George, b. in 1804, was a merchant; res. in Nashua, and d. there Feb. 10, 1860; m. a Miss Marshall of Hillsborough.
4. † Charles, b. Feb. 14, 1809.
5. Nelson, b. Feb. 8, 1811, was a merchant; res. in Nashua, and d. there Oct. 29, 1893; m. Nancy A. Robbins of Nashua.

Charles Tuttle, son of Dr. Charles and Hannah (Burns) Tuttle, born in Milford, Feb. 14, 1809, was a harness maker; resided in Milford, and died July 10, 1870. Married (1) Mary Jane, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Wadleigh) Howison, born in Kingsey, P. Q., in 1825, and died in Milford, Dec. 8, 1855; (2) May 3, 1857, Lucy A. George, widow of Ezra George and daughter of Levi and Mary (Tuttle) McIntire, born in Lyndeborough, Nov. 25, 1827, and died in Milford, May 25, 1897.

## CHILD, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Mary Jane, b. Jan. 20, 1852, and d. Oct. 13, 1854.

Charles B. Tuttle, son of Dr. Peter and Gratia (Kittridge) Tuttle, born in Hancock, May 9, 1818, was a merchant; resided in Amherst; came to Milford in 1865, and died Dec. 16, 1880. Married (1) Lydia Ann, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Lincoln) Cleaves, born in Mont Vernon, April 8, 1823, and died in Milford, July 26, 1866; (2) Sept. 4, 1867, Cornelia E., daughter of Leonard and Mary G. (Dickey) Chase, born in Milford, May 19, 1839, and died Dec. 25, 1893.

## CHILDREN, SEVEN BORN IN AMHERST, THREE IN MILFORD.

1. Charles William, b. Oct. 27, 1847, and d. Aug. 19, 1866.
2. Catherine Augusta, b. June 19, 1849; m. June 18, 1877, Frank W., son of Leonard and Susanna (Shattuck) Chase of Milford, and res. in Amherst.
3. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. July 25, 1851, and d. June 14, 1852.
4. Caroline Louisa, b. Aug. 3, 1854; d. Sept. 6, 1854.
5. Edward Spaulding, b. July 8, 1859; d. Sept. 12, 1860.
6. Anna Lawrence, b. March 19, 1862; d. Oct. 6, 1862.
7. Isabella Lincoln, b. Feb. 12, 1865, and d. in Milford, July 22, 1866.



8. Morton Chase, b. June 2, 1875; res. in Boston, Mass.; employed by Abershaw Construction Co.
9. Leonard Wason, b. Aug. 30, 1877; res. in Boston, Mass.; employed by a book publishing Co.
10. Donald Dickey, b. May 29, 1879; res. in Milford.

### TWITCHELL.

Joseph A. Twitchell, son of Joseph and Sally A. (Taggart) Twitchell, born in Dublin, July 9, 1812, was a peddler, then a farmer; came to Milford in 1852, from Boston, Mass., and died May 16, 1894. Married Elizabeth L., daughter of Shubael and Alice (Capron) Plimpton, born Sept. 1, 1823, and died in Milford, Sept. 4, 1889.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN BOSTON, MASS.

1. Fanny A., b. January, 1842; m. July 3, 1860, Edmund M. Hadley of East Dennis, Mass., and d. in Milford, March 30, 1868.
2. Anna M., b. Jan. 14, 1852; m. Dec. 14, 1871, Charles J., son of Christopher C. and Rebecca P. (Hutchinson) Shaw of Milford, and d. July 27, 1872.

### TYLER.

Crawford Tyler, born in 1784, came to Milford in 1813; was a manufacturer of shingles, and resided in the house now owned by Dr. D. S. Dearborn, where he died March 9, 1850. Married in 1812, Martha A., daughter of William and Esther (Rogers) Clark, born in 1790, and died in Milford, Oct. 3, 1860.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nancy, b. Aug. 28, 1813, and d. Dec. 9, 1813.
2. Martha C., b. in 1815, and d. May 12, 1839.
3. Eveline, b. in 1817; m. April 19, 1843, George H. Whitney of Grafton, Mass.; res. in Milford, and d. Dec. 16, 1884.
4. Henry S., b. in 1819, and d. Aug. 26, 1820.
5. Henry C., b. in 1821, and d. Jan. 28, 1823.
6. Mary Ann, b. Nov. 14, 1823; d. Dec. 11, 1824.
7. Humphrey M., b. Dec. 8, 1825, was a merchant; m. Jan. 3, 1849, Mary E., dau. of Philip and Betsey (Smith) Wing of Grafton, Mass., and d. in Soldiers' Home, Togus, Me., May 26, 1887.
8. Harriet Eliza (twin), b. Oct. 3, 1828; d. Oct. 29, 1829.
9. Henrietta (twin), b. Oct. 2, 1828; d. Nov. 8, 1849.
10. Harriet Eliza, b. in 1831; d. July 31, 1849.

## VITTUM.

David A. Vittum, son of Josiah S. and Sophia (Gordon) Vittum, born in Meredith, Feb. 22, 1857, is a finisher; came to Milford in 1889, from Barre, Vt., and removed to Manchester in 1899. Married Sept. 25, 1880, Maria A., daughter of William and Sally Jane (Bixby) Cilley, born in Orange, Vt., Oct. 27, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MEREDITH.

1. Margareta Adelia, b. April 18, 1884.
2. Helen Maria, b. Feb. 18, 1888.

## WADE.

Benjamin Wade was a tailor, residing in the house now owned by Rev. A. M. Pendleton. We have no record of place or date of birth. He was first taxed in 1800, and died Dec. 2, 1819. Married Hannah —, born in 1768, and died in Milford, Aug. 20, 1859. Birthplace of children not known. One at least of the sons resided in New Orleans, La.

## CHILDREN.

1. Nathaniel.
2. Benjamin.
3. Wells.
4. Susan Cowell, b. in 1792; m. May 11, 1813, Abiel, son of Samuel and Lydia (Abbot) Lovejoy, b. in Wilton; res. in Milford, and d. Aug. 25, 1840.
5. Eliza Leman, m. May 20, 1820, Estwick Evans of Hopkinton.
6. Hannah, b. in 1795; d. in Milford, Jan. 19, 1826.
7. Eunice, m. Silas Stockwell of Marblehead, Mass., June 11, 1826.

## WADLEIGH.

Bainbridge Wadleigh, son of John D. and Hulda (Gillingham) Wadleigh, born in Bradford, Jan. 4, 1831, was a lawyer; came to Milford in 1850, and died in Boston, Mass., Jan. 24, 1891. Married Jan. 6, 1853, Ann M., daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hale) Putnam, born in Boston, Mass., Aug. 20, 1834, and died there Nov. 29, 1879.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Maria Huldah, b. Aug. 21, 1854, and d. in Milford, March 26, 1861.
2. Helen Putnam, b. May 5, 1859; m. Oct. 20, 1886, Samuel Hoar of Concord, Mass., and res. there.

3. Caroline Frances, b. Sept. 19, 1861; m. Aug. 20, 1883, Washington B. Thomas of Boston, Mass., and res. there.
4. Annie Louise, b. Nov. 3, 1872, and d. in Milford, Aug. 7, 1873.

### WADSWORTH.

Samuel Wadsworth, son of Samuel and Abigail (Elliot) Wadsworth, born in Winthrop, Me., May 31, 1795; came to Milford in 1816, from Mason; was a farmer, residing in the western part of the town. In his later years he removed to Lexington, Mass., where he died May 15, 1874. Married Sept. 21, 1826, Rhoda, daughter of Daniel and Ruth (Walker) Felch, born in Antrim, July 27, 1809, and died in Lexington, Mass., Jan. 7, 1888.

### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harvey Samuel, b. Sept. 27, 1827, was an expressman; res. in Ayer, Mass.; m. November, 1862, Eliza, dau. of John Blood of Acton, Mass. He d. in Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 24, 1894.
2. Amanda R., b. July 11, 1830; m. Nov. 27, 1851, John Q. A., son of John and Polly (Burnham) Hutchinson; res. in Brookline, and d. there June 2, 1860.
3. Sylvia J., b. April 13, 1835; m. Oct. 19, 1856, Hammon, son of Benjamin and Bethiah L. Webber Reed of Lexington, Mass., and res. there.
4. Horace A., b. Feb. 16, 1837, was a printer and publisher; res. in Lawrence, Mass., and d. there May 12, 1890; m. April 27, 1862, Charlotte E., dau. of William and Lydia W. (Goodrich) Harris of Lunenburg, Mass.
5. Lucy Philena, b. Oct. 28, 1840; d. in Milford, April 14, 1857.
6. Milo H., b. Nov. 29, 1847, was a printer; res. in Boston, Mass., and died there July 5, 1876.

### WALLACE.

William Wallace was the son of Joseph Wallace, who emigrated from the north of Ireland, and settled in Londonderry about 1726. Sold their farm and removed to Amherst in 1752, in that part of the town now in Milford, on the farm now owned by George D. Armstrong.

William Wallace, son of Joseph and Margaret (—) Wallace, born in Ireland, July, 1720, was a farmer, residing in the north part of the town, where he died May 24, 1793. Married

in 1752, Mary, daughter of John Burns, born in Ireland, May, 1730, and died in Milford, May 8, 1815.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Joseph, b. Sept. 9, 1753.
2. † John, b. March 20, 1756.
3. Mary, b. Aug. 16, 1759; m. Israel, son of Jeremiah and Polly (Burnham) Burnham of Lyndeborough; res. there, and d. May 14, 1786. Had one dau., who m. James J. Averill of Mont Vernon.
4. William, b. April 5, 1764; d. Oct. 10, 1790.
5. † James, b. Oct. 17, 1766.

Joseph Wallace, son of William and Mary (Burns) Wallace, born in Milford, Sept. 9, 1753, was a farmer; resided near his father, and died Dec. 29, 1838. Married December, 1779, Lettice, daughter of George and Martha (Glover) Burns of Hudson, born March 13, 1756, and died in Milford, Feb. 23, 1822.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William, b. Oct. 11, 1780, was a physician; m. in 1818, Judith, dau. of Jonathan and Dorothy (Coffin) Parker of Bedford; res. there, and d. Oct. 27, 1824.
2. Mary, b. April 2, 1782; m. Jan. 16, 1812, Salem Willard of Boston, Mass.; res. in Philadelphia, Penn., and d. in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 19, 1845.
3. David, b. Feb. 18, 1784, was an undertaker; m. (1) March 27, 1806, Mary, dau. of Jonas Farmer of Nashua; res. there, and d. Aug. 28, 1858.
4. Margaret Burns, b. Jan. 5, 1786; d. in Milford, Aug. 21, 1824.
5. † Joseph, Jr., b. May 1, 1788.
6. Luther, b. Nov. 11, 1792, was a type moulder; res. in Philadelphia, Penn., and d. there May 15, 1858.
7. Martha, b. March 8, 1795; m. Dec. 7, 1842, Joseph, son of Job and Hannah (Hildreth) Colburn; res. in Milford, and d. there Nov. 19, 1871.
8. Cyrene, b. Dec. 31, 1797; res. in Philadelphia, Penn., and d. there Dec. 7, 1878, unm.

John Wallace, son of William and Mary (Burns) Wallace, born in Milford, March 20, 1756, was a farmer; resided on the homestead, where he died July 23, 1835. Married Sept. 12, 1780, Mary, daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Goffe) Bradford, born in Milford, June 12, 1760, and died in Milford, Sept. 8, 1840.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † John, Jr., b. March 28, 1781.
2. Andrew, b. March 28, 1783, was a lawyer; res. in Amherst, where he d. Sept. 17, 1856; m. December, 1820, Hepsibah Cummings.
3. Mary, b. May 13, 1785; m. Dec. 19, 1809, George, son of Nathaniel and Phebe (—) Raymond of Mont Vernon; res. there, and d. Sept. 8, 1862.
4. Hannah, b. June 25, 1787; m. Nov. 5, 1811, Luther, son of Ebenezer and Anna (Johnson) Averill of Milford; res. there, and d. Sept. 10, 1863.
5. † Asa, b. Aug. 21, 1789.
6. Sally Ward, b. Nov. 3, 1791; m. April 2, 1810, John, son of Nathaniel and Phebe (—) Raymond of Mont Vernon; rem. to Illinois, where she d. Dec. 6, 1860.
7. Nancy, b. June 4, 1794; m. Sept. 15, 1815, Dr. Jonas, son of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson of Milford; res. in Hancock and in Milford, where she d. May 23, 1874.
8. Rebecca, b. Jan. 8, 1797; m. March, 1842, Loea, son of Isaac and Mehitabel (Nichols) Pratt of Amherst; res. there, and d. Sept. 12, 1871.
9. † William, b. March 8, 1801.
10. Robert Burns, b. Dec. 20, 1805, and d. July 27, 1810.

James Wallace, son of William and Mary (Burns) Wallace, born in Milford, Oct. 17, 1766, was a merchant, residing in Milford, where he died July 23, 1828. Married (1) Sept. 19, 1786, Betsey H., daughter of Major Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Fuller) Kimball, born in Amherst, Oct. 23, 1766, and died in Milford, Oct. 13, 1807; (2) Feb. 22, 1817, Sophia Tuttle of Littleton, Mass., born Feb. 22, 1780, and died in Milford, Nov. 6, 1854.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. James, Jr., b. Aug. 24, 1787; m. June 2, 1811, Mary, dau. of John and Betsey (Fuller) Flint of Middleton, Mass.; res. in Canaan, and d. there Aug. 7, 1831.
2. Betsey Holton, b. Dec. 5, 1788, and d. Aug. 5, 1799.
3. Polly, or Mary, b. April 5, 1790; m. June 15, 1806, Nathaniel Shattuck of Amherst; res. there, and d. June 3, 1812.
4. Elisha Fuller, b. March 30, 1792, was a lawyer; res. in Syracuse, N. Y., and d. there Aug. 29, 1870; m. January, 1821, Lydia Wheelwright of Boxboro, Mass.
5. † Royal, b. Dec. 4, 1794.
6. Caroline, b. Aug. 10, 1797; m. Feb. 2, 1816, Abel, Jr., son of Abel and Abigail (Page) Lawrence of Salem, Mass.; res. there, and d. Oct. 19, 1828.



7. Rodney H., b. March 9, 1801; d. in Milford, Nov. 12, 1822.
8. Betsey Holton, b. May 10, 1803; res. in Middlebury, Vt., and d. there March, 1860, unm.
9. Jane, b. Nov. 26, 1805; m. Jan. 3, 1832, Asa Francis of Middlebury, Vt., and d. there June 13, 1840.

Joseph Wallace, Jr., son of Joseph and Lettice (Burns) Wallace, born in Milford, May 1, 1788, was a farmer. residing on the homestead, where he died Jan. 2, 1839. Married Nov. 14, 1816, Nancy, daughter of Abel and Fanny (Cowan) Prince, born in Amherst, September, 1796, and died in Hollis, Dec. 17, 1855.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Nancy Jane, b. Oct. 23, 1819; m. April 16, 1845, Rodolphus Stevens of Pepperell, Mass.; res. there, and d. July 3, 1860.
2. Frances Prince, b. April 5, 1821; m. March 6, 1845, Luther, son of Thomas and Cynthia (Hopkins) Proctor of Hollis; res. there, and d. Feb. 7, 1860.

John Wallace, Jr., son of John and Mary (Bradford) Wallace, born in Milford, March 28, 1781, was a physician, residing in Milford, and died there Aug. 4, 1837. Married (1) Sept. 5, 1809, Olive, daughter of Nathan and Rebecca (Peabody) Hutchinson, born in Milford, Aug. 24, 1789, and died in Milford, April 16, 1828; (2) Sept. 22, 1829, Eliza, daughter of Moses and Betsey (Bradford) Burns, born in Milford, Dec. 15, 1807, and died in Hancock, Nov. 19, 1881.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † Robert Burns, b. Oct. 7, 1810.
2. John James, b. Sept. 27, 1830, is agent of the Insurance and Loan Association; has res. in Peoria and Chicago, Ill.; row in Austin; m. Nov. 29, 1853, Angeline K., daughter of John and Elizabeth (—) Fiske of Concord.

Asa Wallace, son of John and Mary (Bradford) Wallace, born Aug. 21, 1789, was a farmer, and died in Milford, Feb. 4, 1815. Married Aug. 17, 1814, Nancy, daughter of John, Jr., and Anna (Woodbury) Averill, born in Mont Vernon, Feb. 19, 1792, and died in Chester, Vt., Aug. 13, 1837. At her decease she was the widow of Andrew Bradford, a son of Andrew, Jr., and Lucy (Parker) Bradford of Milford, to whom she was married March 28, 1819.

## CHILD.

1. Asa, b. in Milford, Feb. 24, 1815, was an auctioneer; res. in Memphis, Tenn., and d. there March, 1877.

William Wallace, son of John and Mary (Bradford) Wallace, born in Milford, March 8, 1801, was a merchant; removed to Hartford, Conn., in 1855, where he died July 10, 1881. Married May 14, 1822, Caroline Matilda, daughter of Rev. Matthew and Anna (Hibbard) Bolles, born Feb. 19, 1804, and died in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 24, 1857.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. William Matthew, b. Feb. 3, 1825, was a bank clerk; res. in Chicago, and d. there May 14, 1892; m. Oct. 1, 1851, Nancy B. Kneeland of Boston, Mass.
2. John Augustus, b. Dec. 28, 1828; m. Oct. 19, 1858, Clara Litchfield of Hartford, Conn.; res. there, and d. May 2, 1859.
3. Anna Hibbard, b. July 6, 1832, and d. May 5, 1837.
4. James Bolles, b. Feb. 3, 1838; m. March 26, 1861, Louise R. Lozier of New York city; res. there, and d. in Nyack, N. Y., in 1878.
5. Caroline Gertrude, b. March 15, 1844, and d. in Milford, Aug. 28, 1847.

Royal Wallace, son of James and Betsey H. (Kimball) Wallace, born in Milford, Dec. 4, 1794, was a merchant; resided in Milford, and died Sept. 25, 1829. Married July 28, 1817, Hannah, daughter of Josiah and Rebecca (Blanchard) French, born in Milford, Jan. 3, 1800, and died there Jan. 6, 1879.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1820; m. July 31, 1850, Rev. W. G. Tuttle; in their later years res. in Worcester, Mass., where she d. Feb. 26, 1899.
2. † Charles Royal, b. May 16, 1822.
3. † William Rodney, b. Sept. 17, 1826.

Robert B. Wallace, son of Dr. John, Jr., and Olive (Hutchinson) Wallace, born in Milford, Oct. 7, 1810, was a merchant; resided in Milford and in Amherst, where he died Feb. 23, 1867. Married (1) Feb. 28, 1832, Achacy, daughter of Jonathan and Achacy (Hutchinson) Buxton of Milford, born July 22, 1813, and died in Milford, Jan. 2, 1851; (2) May 4, 1852, Martha A., daughter of Jewett and Mahala (Seaver) Burrill, born in Chester, June 10, 1835, and now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Olivia, b. March 18, 1833, and d. in Milford, Aug. 23, 1850.
2. George Washington, b. June 16, 1835, is a tailor, res. in Wilton; m. Jan. 9, 1854, Mary J., dau. of Samuel and Nancy (Scott) Bullard of Hancock.
3. John, b. Jan. 1, 1838, is a hotel clerk, and res. in Boston, Mass.; m. Dec. 31, 1869, Sarah, dau. of Robert and Frances (Melendy) Boutelle of Amherst.
4. Henry, b. Dec. 3, 1839, and d. April 4, 1850.
5. Charles Burns, b. Sept. 1, 1847, and d. Jan. 20, 1853.
6. William Hutchinson, b. June 16, 1850, and d. Aug. 10, 1850.
7. Charles Henry, b. March 1, 1853; res. in Boston, Mass., and d. there May 14, 1893; m. May 10, 1887, Virginia A. Baker of Chelsea, Mass.
8. Ida Achacy, b. Aug. 9, 1857; m. June 23, 1878, Minot, son of William W. and Sarah M. (Hardy) Greenwood of Milford, and res. in Troy.

Charles R. Wallace, son of Royal and Hannah (French) Wallace, born in Milford, May 16, 1822, was a merchant, and died in Milford, Jan. 27, 1857. Married Dec. 25, 1851, Elizabeth R., daughter of William H. and Hannah (Shedd) Lovejoy, born in Amherst, April 15, 1829, and died in Milford, Feb. 10, 1887.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Hannah Elizabeth, b. Feb. 4, 1853; m. Dec. 31, 1874, Oliver H., son of Joshua and Mary (Heald) Foster of Milford, and res. there.
2. † Charles Lawrence, b. Aug. 29, 1855.

William R. Wallace, son of Royal and Hannah (French) Wallace, born in Milford, Sept. 17, 1826, was a merchant, and died in Milford, July 14, 1871. Married Nov. 17, 1858, Harriet, daughter of Phares and Polly (Swett) Gardner, born in Merrimack, Dec. 19, 1835. Now resides in Milford.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Bessie Gardner, b. Oct. 24, 1859, and d. Sept. 16, 1860.
2. Harriet Ellen, b. July 22, 1861; m. Oct. 9, 1884, Frank E., son of Timothy and Sarah J. (Hersey) Kaley, and res. in Milford.
3. William Rodney, b. June 5, 1868, was a railroad conductor; killed by cars in Northampton, Mass., Aug. 14, 1898; m. Nov. 27, 1895, Gertrude Kelly of Ware, Mass.

Charles L. Wallace, son of Charles R. and Elizabeth R. (Lovejoy) Wallace, born in Milford, Aug. 29, 1855, is a salesman, residing in Oakland, Cal. Married March 18, 1879, Mary E., daughter of John and Mary A. (Reed) Follansbee, born in Amherst, Aug. 29, 1859.

## CHILD.

1. Inez, b. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1880.

Robert M. Wallace, son of Jonas and Mary (Darling) Wallace, born in Henniker, May 2, 1847, came to Milford in 1872. Chief justice of the superior court of New Hampshire. Married Aug. 25, 1874, Ella M., daughter of Abel F. and Deborah (Hawks) Hutchinson, born in Milford, June 12, 1851.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Edward Darling, b. June 19, 1875.
2. Twin, not named, b. Jan. 13, 1878; d. Jan. 13, 1878.
3. Twin, not named, b. Jan. 13, 1878; d. Jan. 27, 1878.
4. Robert Burns, b. July 13, 1884.
5. Helen Hutchinson, b. Jan. 10, 1891.

## WALLINGFORD.

David Wallingford, born in Bradford, Mass., Sept. 25, 1744, resided in Milford, near Hollis; was a farmer, and died in Hollis, March 12, 1791. Married March 25, 1767, Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hastings) Leeman, born in Hollis, Feb. 24, 1746.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jonathan, b. Sept. 10, 1770; d. in Wisconsin, March, 1863.
2. Sarah, b. July 5, 1772.
3. Martha, b. March 26, 1774; m. April 19, 1797, John Sawtelle; res. in Milford and later in Hollis, where she d. Feb. 18, 1834.
4. Daniel, b. Nov. 26, 1776.
5. Daniel, b. Oct. 12, 1778; m. in 1798, Abigail Stoker of Hopkinton, and d. in Ohio in 1836.
6. Ebenezer, b. Oct. 5, 1780; d. in Claremont.
7. † Benjamin, b. Jan. 24, 1782.
8. Joel, b. Jan. 22, 1784; d. in Claremont in 1841.
9. Hannah, b. July 29, 1785; d. in Marlborough in 1851.
10. Mary, b. Oct. 29, 1787.
11. Abigail, b. Jan. 4, 1790.



Benjamin Wallingford, son of David and Elizabeth (Leeman) Wallingford, born in Milford, Jan. 24, 1782, was a farmer. Removed to Dublin in 1805, and returned to Milford in 1835, where he died May 9, 1844. Married Nov. 19, 1807, Hannah, daughter of Stearns and Hannah (Bailey) Needham, born in Milford, March 14, 1784, and died Sept. 7, 1859.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN DUBLIN.

1. Eliza Ann, b. June 17, 1809; d. in Milford, Nov. 1, 1838.
2. Diana, b. Aug. 27, 1811. She was a successful teacher for several years; m. Sept. 27, 1842, Moses, son of Moses and Mary (Fuller) Foster of Milford; res. there, and d. July 29, 1881.
3. Benjamin Franklin, b. April 3, 1813, and d. in Dublin, May 14, 1834.
4. † Rufus Needham, b. March 15, 1817.

Rufus N. Wallingford, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Needham) Wallingford, born in Dublin, March 15, 1817, was a farmer; also manufactured cider, vinegar, and domestic wines. Resided in Milford, and died Aug. 10, 1875. Married Jan. 29, 1845, Susan, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Phelps) Farley, born in Hollis, March 13, 1817, and died in Milford, Dec. 9, 1890.

## CHILDREN.

1. Eliza Ann, b. in Milford, June 16, 1846, and d. Aug. 29, 1849.
2. Charles Rufus, b. in Milford, July 4, 1849; res. in Montague, Me., employed in a paper mill; m. (1) Oct. 10, 1874, Ida Fletcher of Ayer, Mass., (2) January, 1897, Sophronia L. Roberts, b. in Masamiscotis, Me., Aug. 6, 1862.
3. Emma Frances, b. in Milford, Aug. 10, 1853; m. Nov. 27, 1873, Charles R., son of Rodney and Nancy J. (Parker) Howard of Amherst; res. in Derby, Conn.
4. Horace Arthur, b. in Amherst, March 30, 1863, was a salesman; res. in Dorchester, Mass., and d. in Boston Aug. 24, 1900; m. Oct. 12, 1887, Josephine Porter Caffrey, b. in Waterville, Me., Dec. 7, 1865.

## WARD.

Loammi B. Ward, son of Nahum and Silence M. (Stone) Ward, born in Lempster, Aug. 29, 1813, was a stone mason. Resided in Milford, and died very suddenly May 4, 1891. Married Nov. 8, 1834, Rachel C., daughter of Samuel and Jerusha (Blanchard) Goss, born in Milford, March 6, 1815, and died Oct. 30, 1897.



## CHILD.

1. Mandana, b. in Milford, Dec. 2, 1836; m. (1) Nov. 29, 1854, David L. Ridley of China, Me., (2) Dec. 15, 1889, Richard Prescott, son of Joseph and Clarissa (Melendy) Hill of Merrimack. After the decease of Mr. Hill the widow returned to Milford, and now res. there.

## WARE.

Edwin C. Ware, son of Rev. John Q. A. and Emily (Heald) Ware, born in Marlborough, Oct. 8, 1852, was an engineer. Resided in Milford a few years, then removed to Kansas City, thence to Fort Madison, Ia., where he died May 27, 1897. Married April 8, 1884, Mary Ada, daughter of William F. and Elizabeth A. (Wright) Whitmarsh, born in Denmark, Ia., Jan. 2, 1859.

## CHILDREN.

1. Oliver Faxon, b. in Milford, Nov. 26, 1885.
2. John Adams, b. in Kansas City, Mo., April 9, 1891.
3. Laura, b. in Fort Madison, Ia., April 6, 1894.

Walter H. Ware, son of Rev. John Q. A. and Emily (Heald) Ware, born in Addison, Vt., April 25, 1859, is a machinist; resides in Milford. Married, Sept. 17, 1884, Hattie E., daughter of Calvin and Lizzie M. (Wheeler) Merrill, born in Milford, May 30, 1863.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ralph Merrill, b. Sept. 26, 1885.
2. Florence Emily, b. Aug. 18, 1888; d. June 24, 1889.
3. Olive Marion, b. Aug. 2, 1894.

## WARREN.

Henry F. Warren, son of Joseph and Mary A. (Kelso) Warren, born in New Boston, Oct. 23, 1843, is a tailor; came to Milford in 1874. from Manchester. Married (1) Jan., 1872, Minnie E., daughter of Jacob H. and Nancy B. (Dodge) Richards, born in New Boston in 1850, and died June 17, 1873; (2), Jan. 11, 1881, Annie J. Fay, widow of Warren R. Fay of Munson, Mass., and daughter of Joseph H. and Phebe J. (Childs) Keith, born in Palmer, Mass., Feb. 16, 1853.

## CHILDREN.

First one adopted.

1. Arthur Fay, b. in Munson, Mass., Oct. 7, 1874; is a physician, and res. in Belchertown, Mass.
2. Mildred Adaline, b. in Milford, Jan. 16, 1889, and d. May 13, 1892.
3. Paul Kelso, b. in Milford, April 22, 1894.

## WASHBURN.

Calvin N. Washburn, son of Calvin and Polly (Straw) Washburn, born in Peterborough, Oct. 25, 1826, is a farmer; resides on place formerly owned by Capt. William Ramsdell on road to Wilton. Married (1) Nov. 20, 1855, Sarah, daughter of Archelaus and Martha (Horsely) Cragin, born in Peterborough, Dec. 19, 1833, and died Feb. 24, 1875; (2) March 14, 1889, Ellen Parkerson, daughter of Samuel I. E. and Diana (Hines) Jones, born in London, England, Nov. 19, 1835. No children.

## WASHER.

George E. Washer, son of John and Mary (Robertson) Washer, born in Amherst, June, 1816, was a mill operative and a mechanic; came to Milford in 1860, from Chicopee Falls, Mass., and died March 29, 1887. Married (1) Lucy M., daughter of Mark D. and Lucy (Whipple) Langdell, born in Mont Vernon, May 9, 1824, and died in Milford, Jan. 14, 1871; (2) May 18, 1871, Hannah E., daughter of David W. and Hannah (Burnham) Blunt, born in Amherst, March 30, 1841, and died in Nashua, July 1, 1899. No children.

## WATKINS.

Eli P. Watkins, son of Sewall and Agnes (Green) Watkins, born in South Casco, Me., Nov. 22, 1843, is a teamster; came to Milford in 1882, from Henniker; was in the Twenty-fifth Maine Regiment in the war of 1861. Married, Sept. 9, 1869, Sarah L., daughter of Moody and Lois A. (Meserve) Barrett, born in Concord, Mass., Dec. 28, 1843.

## CHILDREN.

1. †Leon Zanello, b. in New Durham, Nov. 4, 1871.
2. Agnes Lois, b. in Henniker, May 26, 1874.
3. Leroy Eli, b. in Henniker, May 11, 1881.
4. Fred Oliver, b. in Milford, July 15, 1885.
5. Ethel May, b. in Milford, May 4, 1888.

Leon Zanello Watkins, son of Eli P. and Sarah L. (Barrett) Watkins, born in New Durham, Nov. 4, 1871, is a baker; came to Milford with his father in 1882. Married, Oct. 8, 1896, Annie L., daughter of George C. and Lura A. (Shattuck) Fessenden, born in Wilton, June 12, 1874.

## CHILD.

1. Ora Zieta, b. in Milford, Sept. 24, 1897.

## WEAVER.

Charles Weaver, son of Francis and Naomi (Hunt) Weaver, born in Chelmsford, Mass., March 16, 1822, was a carpenter; came to Milford from Lowell, Mass., in 1854, and returned to Lowell in 1883, where he died, Dec. 4, 1894. Married (1) Mary A., daughter of Levi and Mary (Tuttle) McIntire, born in Stoddard, Dec. 7, 1824, and died in Milford, Feb. 5, 1871; (2) Martha Jane, daughter of Jesse and Rachel (McIntire) Reed, born in Lyndeborough in 1833, and died in Milford, Jan. 12, 1876; (3) May 8, 1877, Margaret H., daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Hanna) Lindsay, born in Halifax, N. S., Nov. 13, 1844; now resides in Lowell, Mass.

## CHILDREN BORN, ONE IN LOWELL, MASS., FOUR IN MILFORD.

1. Ella Mary, b. Feb. 10, 1849; m. Oct. 15, 1868, Henry K., son of Daniel K. and Nancy H. (George) Marvell; res. in Hartford, Conn., and d. there, April 13, 1891.
2. Charles Albert, b. July 2, 1855; is a physician and res. in New Boston; m. June 26, 1877, Minnie A., dau. of Robert and Mary (Weeks) Payden of Milford.
3. Lizzie Amanda, b. June 28, 1859; m. Sept. 30, 1880, George E., son of Hiram and Lucy (Fales) Barber of Milford, and res. in Derby, Conn.
4. Lindsay Francis, b. Nov. 19, 1878, and was drowned in a mill pond near his home, March 18, 1883.
5. Osmand A., b. Aug. 13, 1881, and d. in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 16, 1885.

## WEBSTER.

James E. Webster, son of Enoch and Hannah (Armstrong) Webster, born in Nashua, Oct. 5, 1841, is a watchmaker and jeweler; came to Milford in 1874, from Bennington. Married, Dec. 5, 1871, Mary A., daughter of William and Hannah (Newton) Robinson, born in Hancock, Dec. 4, 1848.

## CHILDREN.

1. Annie Frances, b. in Bennington, Sept. 30, 1872; m. March 22, 1900, Burton W., son of Wilder J. and Martha J. (Prince) Prince of Milford, and res. in Kansas City, Mo.
2. Arthur Robinson, b. in Milford, April 7, 1875; is in business with his father; m. Sept. 26, 1900, Helen Mabel, dau. of George K. and Clara Belle (Holt) Lusk of Milford, and res. there.
3. Carl James, b. in Milford, Aug. 19, 1885.

## WETHERBEE.

Asa Wetherbee, son of Joseph, born in Wilton, July 18, 1802, was a farmer; came to Milford in 1849, from Mont Vernon, and died in Milford, April 13, 1885. Married, May 1, 1824, Lavina, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Upton) Mills, born in Mont Vernon, Dec. 3, 1805, and died April 6, 1889.

## CHILDREN.

1. John Frank, born in Milford, March 13, 1825; is a hotel keeper; res. in Leeds, Me.; m. Lucinda J. Caldwell of Hudson.
2. †William Wells, b. in Wilton, March 11, 1827.
3. David George, b. in Lyndeborough, Jan. 21, 1829; was a shoemaker; res. in Milford, and d. Sept. 22, 1859; m. Mary J. Gerald of Milford.
4. †James Addison, b. in Mont Vernon, April 7, 1832.
5. Henry Martin, b. in Mont Vernon, May 31, 1836, and d. there July 14, 1837.
6. Henry Page, b. in Mont Vernon, July 10, 1838; is a laborer; res. in Milford; unm.
7. Emma Augusta, b. in Mont Vernon, Dec. 6, 1843; m. June 18, 1863, Marcellus M., son of Daniel K. and Nancy H. (George) Marvell; res. in Milford, and d. Feb. 6, 1880.
8. Mary Caroline, b. in Mont Vernon, April 15, 1845; m. Jan. 28, 1866, John Richard, son of Enoch and Sarah (Currier) Perkins of Weare; res. in Milford.



William Wetherbee, son of Asa and Lavina (Mills) Wetherbee, born in Wilton, March 11, 1827, was a merchant; resided in Milford, where he died, June 18, 1891. Married, Dec. 8, 1850, Elizabeth R., daughter of Loammi and Mary (McIntosh) Parker, born in Milford, Dec. 4, 1830; now resides in Nashua.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Charles Parker, b. May 16, 1854, and d. Sept. 15, 1854.
2. Katie Lela, b. Sept. 7, 1856, and d. Aug. 27, 1858.
3. Neddie Gilmore, b. Jan. 20, 1864, and d. July 26, 1865.
4. Lillie Gertrude, b. March 4, 1867, and d. Dec. 1, 1878.

James A. Wetherbee, son of Asa and Lavina (Mills) Wetherbee, born in Mont Vernon, April 7, 1832, was a merchant; resided in Milford, and died Sept. 27, 1895. Married, Nov. 27, 1856, Harriet F., daughter of Joseph and Indiana (Burns) Duncklee, born in Milford, Aug. 11, 1838, and now resides there.

#### CHILD.

1. Fred Minot, b. in Milford, May 20, 1863.

Fred. M. Wetherbee, son of James A. and Harriet F. (Duncklee) Wetherbee, born in Milford, May 20, 1863, is a dentist; resides in Milford. Married, May 1, 1890, Emma L., daughter of Alfred and Emma M. (White) Goldsmith, born in Somerville, Mass., Nov. 14, 1868.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Harriet Evelyn, b. March 31, 1891.
2. Ned Wingate, b. Dec. 22, 1892.
3. Glenn Norton, b. Sept. 14, 1894.
4. Emma Louise, b. April 27, 1896.
5. Charles Addison, b. June 22, 1899.

#### WHEELER.

Nathan C. Wheeler, son of Nathan and Rachel (Cummings) Wheeler, born in Lyndeborough, May 9, 1805; came to Milford in 1833; was a mechanic. Married Feb. 8, 1831, Hannah, daughter of David and Betsey (Hadley) Eaton, born in Goffstown, March 9, 1801, and died in Milford, Sept. 15, 1874; he died Dec. 1, 1890.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. John Adams, b. April 27, 1833; was a merchant; is now engaged in raising poultry and eggs; m. Dec. 16, 1865, Maria C., dau. of Marcus A. and Cynthia (Cummings) Anthony, b. in Hancock, Sept. 27, 1834, and d. in Milford, Jan. 1, 1891.
2. Albert, b. Dec. 29, 1834, is a merchant; res. in Malden, Mass.; m. Feb. 13, 1868, Augusta M. Paine of Boston, Mass.
3. Mary Orissa, b. Sept. 11, 1842; m. March 27, 1872, Robert Chumard of South Canaan, Penn., and res. in Amherst, near to Milford line.

Gilman Wheeler, son of Henry and Tabatha (———), Wheeler, born in Nelson, June 3, 1817, was a merchant; came to Milford in 1838, remaining three years; removed to Amherst and returned to Milford in 1846. With failing health he went to Florida and died in Jacksonville, Dec. 10, 1872. Married (1) Dec. 21, 1842, Gratia, daughter of Dr. Peter and Gratia (Kittredge) Tuttle, born in Hancock, Feb. 20, 1820, and died in Milford, Dec. 5, 1868; (2) Jan. 5, 1871, Mrs. Fannie Mitchell, daughter of John W. and Maria B. (———) Lowden, born in Pawtucket, R. I., April 21, 1834. After Mr. Wheeler's decease, she married S. W. Brayton, and resides in North Adams, Mass.

## CHILD.

1. Kate E., born in Milford, May 13, 1853; m. Dec. 21, 1874, William B. Orcutt, born in Georgia, Vt. They res. in Boston, Mass., or near there.

Eri C. Wheeler, son of Timothy and Betsey (Peacock) Wheeler, born in Amherst, April 17, 1809, was a cooper; came to Milford in 1846, from Amherst, and died April 10, 1896. Married, Sept. 12, 1833, Hannah, daughter of Lester Holt, born in Lyme, May 1, 1811, and died Jan. 12, 1886.

## CHILDREN.

1. Mary Jane, b. in Hollis, Feb. 10, 1837; m. July 6, 1856, Luther C., son of Levi and Mary (Coggin) Duncklee; is a dressmaker, and res. in Lowell, Mass.
2. Alma French, b. in Hollis, March 30, 1839; m. Oct. 27, 1859, William B., son of Franklin and Nyrha (Gutterson) Hutchinson of Milford; she now res. in Milford.
3. Emeline, born in Amherst, Sept. 21, 1842; m. Oct. 25, 1866, James Harrison, son of James and Lucinda (Reed) Hutchinson of Wilton; res. there, and d. Oct. 18, 1873.

4. Isabel Campbell, born in Milford, Aug. 23, 1846; m. June 3, 1865, William H. Ramsdell; is a tailoress, and res. in Lowell, Mass.

Henry Wheeler, son of Timothy and Mercy (Foster) Wheeler, born in Amherst, Nov. 2, 1838, is a farmer; came to Milford in 1887, from Amherst. Married, April 11, 1861, Frances E., daughter of Hiram and Sarah E. (Tower) Kimball, born in Hooksett, Aug. 26, 1837, and was killed by lightning, in her bed, in the night of Sept. 29, 1883.

#### CHILD.

1. Mary Ellen, born in Amherst, Feb. 1, 1862; res. in Milford with her father; unm.

### WHITNEY.

Pliny Whitney, son of Samuel and Thankful (Wilder) Whitney, born in Westminster, Mass., Nov. 13, 1787, was a merchant; came to Milford in 1823, from Wilton, and died Sept. 28, 1873. Married Oct. 23, 1823, Caroline, daughter of George and Ruth (Morse) Dean, born in Hopkinton, April 23, 1801, and died in Milford, May 8, 1886.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Caroline Dean, b. Oct. 14, 1825; m. Nov. 27, 1845, William C., son of Thomas B. and Sarah (Perkins) Kidder of Wilton; they now reside in Marblehead, Mass.
2. Harriet Lucinda, b. May 17, 1831; m. July 21, 1855, John M., son of Samuel and Salome (Whitney) Hale of New York city, and res. there.
3. Charles Pliny, b. April 22, 1838, is a merchant, res. in Milford; m. May 26, 1863, Lydia A., dau. of Thomas T. and Lucy B. (Rice) Farnsworth of Milford.

George H. Whitney, son of Benjamin F. and Sybil (Blake) Whitney, born in Westboro, Mass., March, 1805, was a wood-turner; came to Milford in 1853 from Grafton, Mass. Married April 19, 1843, Eveline, daughter of Crawford and Martha (Clark) Tyler, born in Milford, January, 1817, and died there Dec. 16, 1884. He died Oct. 13, 1884.

#### CHILD.

1. Henrietta F. E., b. in 1845, and d. June 17, 1855.

## WHITTIER.

Charles A. Whittier, son of David and Sarah C. (Chamberlain) Whittier, born in Mont Vernon, April 29, 1852; is a cabinet maker; came to Milford in 1872 from Wilton. Married Oct. 4, 1875, Susia A., daughter of Royal and Ruth E. (Smith) Mansfield, born in Bradford, Oct. 4, 1855.

## CHILDREN.

1. Albert Mansfield, b. in Wilton, Oct. 11, 1876.
2. Ruth Augusta, b. in Milford, Dec. 10, 1877.
3. Dora Mina, b. in Milford, July 20, 1885.
4. Maud Shuah, b. in Milford, July 6, 1890.

## WILKINS.

Charles Wilkins, son of Uriah and Nancy (Kittridge) Wilkins, born in Stowe, Vt., Oct. 19, 1821; was a carpenter; came to Milford in 1851 from Amherst, and died Aug. 23, 1888. Married Oct. 8, 1848, Maria, daughter of Henry and Polly (Odell) Howard, born in Amherst, July 21, 1826.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Loretta Maria, b. July 25, 1853, and d. in Milford, April 27, 1854.
2. Luella Maria, b. June 19, 1855; res. with her mother; unm.
3. Charles Ingalls, b. Sept. 13, 1857; is a mechanic; res. in Milford; unm.
4. Fred Brainard, b. Jan. 16, 1861; is a manufacturer; res. in Woonsocket, R. I.; m. Dec. 21, 1881, Fererlean E., dau. of Josiah and Sarah (Olmstead) Hill of Winchendon, Mass.
5. Frank Bernard, b. Jan. 16, 1861; is a machinist; res. in Milford; m. June 29, 1898, Dora P., dau. of James and Mary A. (Kendall) Howard, b. in Temple.

Thomas J. Wilkins, son of Jotham Wilkins, was born in Dracut, Mass., March 14, 1817; was a teamster; came to Milford in 1857 from Lowell, Mass., and died Nov. 27, 1899. Married in 1854, Nancy G., daughter of Courtney and Sarah (Ward) Sears, born in Sackville, N. B., Jan. 7, 1836.

## CHILDREN, ONE BORN IN LOWELL, MASS., OTHERS IN MILFORD.

1. Susan Jane, b. Feb. 6, 1855; m. Nov. 27, 1872, Charles Melvin, son of James W. and Electa J. (Woolson) Pond of Milford.
2. Charles Jefferson, b. Sept. 23, 1857; is a mechanic; res. in Townsend, Mass.; m. Flora P. Haskell of Milford.

3. George Robert, b. May 15, 1859; is a mechanic; res. in Nashua; m. Nov. 19, 1883, Mary, dau. of John Bowman of Brattleboro, Vt.
4. † William Hartwell, b. May 4, 1862.
5. Adaline, b. May 8, 1863; m. March 21, 1892, Wellington E., son of Henry and Delora (Center) Wright of Pepperell, Mass.
6. John Bartlett, b. May 23, 1865; is employed on railroad, and res. in Rochester.
7. Sarah Eliza, b. Sept. 5, 1868; d. July 7, 1870.
8. Fred Elmer, b. Jan. 28, 1871; is a clerk; res. in Milford; m. Nov. 17, 1896, Emma A., dau. of Enos S. and Mary Ella (Wright) White of Milford, b. in Bedford.
9. Myrtie Elida, b. Nov. 28, 1873; d. July 2, 1874.
10. Chester Carlton, b. April 12, 1876; is a finisher; res. in Milford; m. Feb. 24, 1897, Edna May, dau. of Edward T. and Josephine M. (Blood) Adams of Milford.
11. Minnie Alice, b. Feb. 28, 1880; m. June 24, 1898, Louis S., son of John S. and Emma L. (Moore) Nute of Wilton; res. in Brookline.

William H. Wilkins, son of Thomas J. and Nancy G. (Sears) Wilkins, born in Milford, May 4, 1862; is a furniture finisher, residing in Milford. Married May 3, 1884, Eliza F. Dutton, daughter of John L. and Lucy A. (Green) Reed, born in Merrimack, May 17, 1854.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Lewis Hartwell, b. Oct. 3, 1884.
2. Oliver Woodbury Lull, b. March 19, 1886.
3. Leon William, b. Aug. 9, 1887.
4. Maud Elsie, b. March 18, 1889.
5. Homer Lee, b. June 29, 1891.

Jesse R. Wilkins, son of Luke and Elizabeth (Langdell) Wilkins, born in Mont Vernon, Dec. 13, 1844; is a farmer; came to Milford in 1891 from Mont Vernon, and resides on a part of the original Averill farm, house built by Alladon Averill about 1820. Married Oct. 14, 1871, Frances A., daughter of John and Mary (Nichols) Follansbee, born in Londonderry Dec. 25, 1848.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MONT VERNON.

1. Willie Appleton, b. Oct. 28, 1872; is a meat cutter; m. June 30, 1896, Cora Belle, dau. of George and Abbie (Flanders) Stone of Greenville.

2. Fannie May, b. May 10, 1874; m. March 5, 1896, Louis M., son of Thomas B. and Adaline A. (Crosby) Hall of Milford, and res. there.
3. Clarence Ellis, b. Aug. 17, 1888.

Charles L. Wilkins, son of Aaron S. and Martha A. (McCluer) Wilkins, born in Amherst, April 23, 1861; is a manufacturer; came to Milford from Amherst in 1893. Married Oct. 8, 1885, Fannie H., daughter of John W. and Helen M. (Lovejoy) Spaulding, born in Milford, Oct. 20, 1861.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Howard, b. in Amherst, March 28, 1892.
2. Marion Wells, b. in Milford, Feb. 7, 1895.

## WILLIAMS.

David Williams, born April 16, 1746; was a soldier in the Revolutionary army; in later life was a farmer; came to Milford in 1823, and died April 16, 1831. Married in 1797, Elizabeth (Melendy) Kidder, widow of Daniel Kidder, born in Reading, Mass., Oct. 3, 1763, and died in Milford, Dec. 3, 1853.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN AMHERST.

1. David, b. Aug. 18, 1798; was a cooper; m. a Miss Wilson; res. in New Boston and in Brookline, where his wife died; he rem. to Londonderry, where he d. April 27, 1875.
2. Thomas, b. June 23, 1800; was a farmer; m. Dec. 7, 1838, Lucinda, dau. of Timothy and Lucy (Melendy) Wright of Brookline; res. in Milford, and d. Feb. 3, 1892.
3. Mary M., b. Nov. 25, 1804; m. May 29, 1838, Lorenzo P., son of Richard and Polly (Tay) Melendy of Brookline, and d. in Milford, July 3, 1870.
4. Sophia, b. Jan. 7, 1808; m. Sept. 6, 1832, Joseph, son of Joseph and Martha (Lovejoy) Colburn of Milford; res. there, and d. Aug. 24, 1882.

Richard Williams, son of Jacob Williams, born in Groton, Mass., Jan. 12, 1803; was a physician; came to Milford in 1831, and died Oct. 6, 1842. Married April 25, 1832, Susanna Shattuck, born in Groton, Mass., May 3, 1807, and died in Milford, April 10, 1869.



## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. George Richard, b. Feb. 4, 1833.
2. John Sheple, b. Aug. 20, 1840; d. Sept. 1, 1840.
3. James Gordon, b. Oct. 18, 1841; res. in Manchester.

## WILLOBY.

David Willoby, son of Jonas and Hannah (Bates) Willoby, born in Hollis, April 4, 1770: was a cooper; came to Milford in 1814 from Hollis, and died April 17, 1837. Married March 17, 1796, Polly Woods, born in Hollis in 1774, and died in Milford, April 15, 1851.

## CHILDREN, EIGHT BORN IN HOLLIS AND TWO IN MILFORD.

1. Mary, b. July 3, 1796; d. in Milford, April 18, 1874, unm.
2. † David, Jr., b. March 8, 1798.
3. Nancy, b. March 16, 1800; m. April 23, 1820, Daniel, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Foster) Peacock of Milford, and d. Aug. 24, 1854.
4. Julia, b. June 5, 1803; m. June 5, 1834, Joseph, son of Joseph and Mary (Cox) Herrick of Antrim; they res. in Wilton, where he was killed by a cow in 1847; his widow returned to Milford and d. there, April 10, 1874.
5. Jonas, b. March 16, 1805; rem. to Canada and d. there in 1858.
6. † Benjamin Lewis, b. Sept. 10, 1807.
7. Franklin, b. Feb. 20, 1812; m. Harriet, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Foster) Peacock of Milford.
8. † Edwin, b. March 19, 1814.
9. Frederick A., b. Aug. 18, 1816; d. in Milford, Nov. 4, 1818.
10. Esther Lewis, b. March 19, 1819; m. Robert, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Foster) Peacock of Milford, and d. Nov. 16, 1874.

David Willoby, Jr., son of David and Polly (Woods) Willoby, born in Hollis, March 8, 1798; came to Milford with his father in 1814; was a cooper; resided on place now owned by C. M. Pond, near the village, on road to Brookline, and died there, Sept. 11, 1857. Married Nov. 29, 1821, Sally, daughter of Thomas and Sally (Tay) Melendy, born in Brookline, April 18, 1800, and died in Milford, Dec. 23, 1876.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Deidamia, b. May 16, 1822; d. in Milford, July 30, 1842.
2. Sally, b. June 14, 1827; m. April 8, 1852, Nathan Clinton, son of Alfred and Lydia (Foster) Hutchinson of Milford; she now res. in Temple.

3. Lewis, b. July 3, 1830; d. Oct. 20, 1842.
4. Eveline, b. Oct. 24, 1835; m. Charles, son of John C. and Sally (Buckley) McGowan; res. in Richford, Vt., and d. there Nov. 19, 1897.

Benjamin Lewis Willoby, son of David and Polly (Woods) Willoby, born in Hollis, Sept. 10, 1807; was superintendent in a woollen mill removing to Claremont in 1834, thence to Hooksett, and later to Lowell, Mass., where he died Nov. 9, 1881. Married, Nov. 13, 1832, Eveline, daughter of David and Nancy (Ferson) McKean, born in Salem, Mass., Oct. 13, 1812, and died in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 11, 1864.

## CHILDREN.

1. Nancy Caroline, b. in Milford, Aug. 8, 1833; m. Nov. 24, 1852, C. E. Hallowell, and res. in Lowell, Mass.
2. Mary McKean, b. in Claremont, April 10, 1835; m. Nov. 27, 1856, G. W. Adams, and res. in Chicago, Ill.
3. Charles Lewis, b. in Hooksett, Oct. 27, 1838; m. Dec. 3, 1856, Emma F. Rand of Milford, Mass., and res. in Chicago, Ill.
4. Benjamin Franklin, b. in Hooksett, Nov. 14, 1841, and d. Aug. 5, 1842.
5. Ferson McKean, b. in Lowell, Mass., June 1, 1845, is a clothing merchant, and res. in Chicago, Ill.; m. Jan. 27, 1869, Amelia Robertson of Chelmsford, Mass.
6. Frank Henry, twin, b. in Lowell, Mass., June 8, 1853, and d. there June 10, 1853.
7. Jennie Maria, twin, b. in Lowell, Mass., June 8, 1853, and d. there June 10, 1853.

Edwin Willoby, son of David and Polly (Woods) Willoby, born in Hollis, March 19, 1814. Came to Milford in 1814. Was a tin peddler. Resided in Milford, and died Feb. 7, 1891. Married, April 10, 1850, Mary A., daughter of Robert and Susanna (Center) Osgood, born in Lyndeborough, April 16, 1831, and died in Milford, Aug. 16, 1882.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Susie Etta, b. May 17, 1852; m. Dec. 2, 1871, William H., son of William J. and Susan R. (Loverin) French of Brookline, and res. there.
2. Ella Mary, b. June 27, 1854; m. Jan. 27, 1876, Charles L., son of Joseph S. and ——— (Colburn) Manning of Nashua, and res. in Milford.

Oliver N. Willoby, son of Oliver and Martha (Hardy) Willoby, born in Hollis, Oct. 22, 1820; was a farmer; came to Milford from Hollis in 1864, and removed to Amherst in 1881, where he died, Oct. 28, 1892. Married, Dec. 6, 1849, Susan A., daughter of Josiah and Susanna (Stearns) Stearns, born in Greenfield, June 25, 1820, and died in Amherst, Oct. 15, 1900.

CHILDREN.

1. Henry Newton, b. in Malden, Mass., April 13, 1851; is a salesman; res. in Weymouth, Mass.; m. April, 1878, Mandana E., daughter of Lovell A. and Susannah (Fuller) North of Wilton, Me.
2. Marietta Isabella, b. in Malden, Mass., Feb. 1, 1853, and d. in Milford, Oct. 21, 1874.
3. Edwin Oliver, b. in Malden, Mass., Aug. 25, 1854; is a farmer and res. in Amherst; m. June 24, 1884, Louisa C., dau. of Louis and Christina (Lammering) Miller of Weymouth, Mass.
4. Frank Eugene, b. in Nashua, Dec. 18, 1855; is a farmer; res. in Amherst; m. Oct. 24, 1888, Mary E., widow of William H. Roberts of Somerville, Mass., and dau. of William B. and Sophia W. (Walcott) Hobbs of Peabody, Mass.
5. Ella Louisa, b. in Pepperell, Mass., July 4, 1857, and d. in Milford, Oct. 5, 1875.
6. William Albert, b. in Pepperell, Mass., Nov. 1, 1859; is a machinist; res. in Nashua; m. June 18, 1890, Alice L., dau. of Jason B. and Lillis (Hobbs) Gaskill of Au Sable Chasm, N. Y.
7. Annie Maria, b. in Nashua, May 15, 1861, and d. in Hollis, Aug. 22, 1863.
8. Hattie Melissa, b. in Hollis, Oct. 10, 1862; m. Dec. 22, 1881, Nathaniel Hardy of Milford; res. in Nashua and d. there Sept. 3, 1894.

WILSON.

Henry J. Wilson, son of Joseph and Eliza (Carlton) Wilson, born in Merrimack, Nov. 25, 1835; is a farmer; came to Milford in 1873; resides on place at north end of Federal Hill formerly owned by Thomas Burns and his son Samuel Burns. Married April 19, 1859, Lucy J., daughter of John L. and Lucy A. (Green) Reed, born in Merrimack, April 8, 1838.

CHILDREN, BORN IN MERRIMACK.

1. †Clarence Henry, b. Oct. 9, 1860.
2. Carrie Eliza, b. Dec. 29, 1864; was a typewriter; res. in Milford, and d. in Lowell, Mass., June 3, 1896.

3. Bertha Lucy, b. June 11, 1869; is a bookkeeper and res. in Milford.
4. Charles Joseph, b. Feb. 2, 1872; is a farmer; res. with his father.

Clarence H. Wilson, son of Henry J. and Lucy J. (Reed) Wilson, born in Merrimack, Oct. 9. 1860; came to Milford in 1873 with his father; is a carpenter. Married Jan. 17, 1885, Addie M., daughter of Matthew and Eliza (York) Dickey, born in Manchester, Feb. 10, 1867.

## CHILDREN.

1. Lucy Mabel, b. in Merrimack, Jan. 29, 1886.
2. Florence Elsie, b. in Milford, April 25, 1889.
3. Carl Frederick, b. in Milford, Feb. 4, 1894.
4. Edna Addie, b. in Milford, Jan. 8, 1896.
5. Clara Louise, b. in Milford, Sept. 21, 1900.

William H. Wilson, son of William H. and Clarissa J. (Osborne) Wilson, born in Manchester, May 3, 1851; came to Milford in 1875; is a steam and water fitter. Married (1) March 26, 1876, Hattie M., daughter of James and Mildred M. (Gutterson) Badger, born in Milford. Nov. 21, 1856, and died Sept. 30, 1886; (2) May 3, 1888, Mary R., daughter of William P. and Hannah M. (Towne) Easton, born in Milford, Jan. 2, 1864.

## CHILDREN. BORN IN MILFORD.

1. James LeRoy, b. June 1, 1879.
2. Frank Rockwood, b. Sept. 5, 1897.
3. Goldie May, b. May 5, 1900.

Albro M. Wilson, son of Griffin and Elizabeth (Stevens) Wilson, born in Nelson, April 1, 1846. Is a butcher; came to Milford in 1886 from Olean, N. Y. Married July 18, 1874, Rosa M., daughter of Edward and Betsey (Way) Sulham, born in Cabot, Vt., March 19, 1857.

## CHILDREN.

1. Albert Griffin, b. in Lyndeborough, Dec. 19, 1875; is an engineer; res. in Milford.
2. Elmer Morton, b. in Lyndeborough, April 9, 1877; is employed in a laundry; res. in Milford; m. March 3, 1900, Georgia Flora Hanlon, dau. of Stephen and Maria (Martin) Blanchard, b. in Franklin, Me.
3. George Stevens, b. in Lyndeborough, July 19, 1883.
4. Harold Linton, b. in Milford, Sept. 19, 1895.

## WINSLOW.

Worcester L. Winslow, son of Daniel and Mary (Clark) Winslow, born in Thetford, Vt., Dec. 31, 1845. Is a mason; came to Milford in 1876 from Stoneham, Mass. Married June 24, 1874, Mary L., daughter of Samuel S. and Harriet (Fitts) Johnson, born in Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 25, 1851.

## CHILDREN.

1. Hattie Pinkham, b. in Stoneham, Mass., May 7, 1875; m. Dec. 2, 1896, William B., son of Henry N. and Laura J. (Wightman) Hutchinson of Milford, and res. in Drownville, R. I.
2. Joseph Shepard, b. in Milford, Aug. 27, 1877; is employed in a bakery, and res. in North Cambridge, Mass.; m. Sept. 19, 1900, Lilla Judith, dau. of William E. and Sarah Jane (Brickett) Ames of Milford.

Arthur M. Winslow, son of Daniel and Mary (Clark) Winslow, born in Lyme, Aug. 17, 1859. Is a mason. Married Sept. 30, 1885, Nellie R., daughter of Raymond and Catherine A. (Burge) Pierce, born in Brookline, April 26, 1859.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Walter Clark, b. Sept. 7, 1886.
2. Wallace Arthur, b. Aug. 29, 1888; d. May 14, 1889.
3. Warren Allen, b. June 29, 1891.
4. Waldo Edward, b. Sept. 7, 1893.
5. Marion Augusta, b. Oct. 15, 1895.

## WINTERS.

Thomas Winters, son of Thomas and Esther (Jeans) Winters, born in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Dec. 25, 1847. Is a carpenter; came to Milford in 1887 from Mont Vernon. Married May 5, 1871, Mary A., daughter of Charles A. and Esther S. (Cloutman) Gray, born in Mont Vernon, Sept. 8, 1849.

## CHILDREN.

1. Charles Barnes, b. in Worcester, Mass., Aug. 14, 1872; employee of a life insurance company and res. in Syracuse, N. Y.
2. Mabel Ade, b. in Worcester, Mass., July 7, 1874; m. April 18, 1900, Dr. Quincy H., son of Rev. J. Lewis and Jennie M. (Heald) Merrill, and res. in Leominster, Mass.



3. Fred Gray, b. in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 10, 1876; is an insurance clerk, and res. in Syracuse, N. Y.
4. Cora Grace, b. in Mont Vernon, Feb. 1, 1879.
5. Alice Elizabeth, b. in Mont Vernon, April 29, 1884.

## WOOD.

Abijah Wood, son of Philip and Dorothy (Davis) Wood, born in Hollis, Dec. 2, 1809; was a cooper; came to Milford in 1834, and died Jan. 18, 1876. Married Aug. 8, 1832, Mary Ann, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Warner) Hood, born in Milford, Nov. 21, 1814, and died Aug. 6, 1887.

## CHILDREN.

1. †John Phillip, b. in Hollis, Jan. 25, 1833.
2. Harriet Evelyn, b. in Milford, April 29, 1835; res. in Milford; unm.
3. William Warner, b. in Milford, Jan. 18, 1838; was a mechanic; res. in Milford, and d. April 1, 1900; m. June 1, 1864, Sarah E., dau. of Moses and Sarah M. (Chase) Ordway.
4. Henry Harrison, b. in Milford, March 11, 1840; d. March 17, 1857.
5. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Milford, June 7, 1842; m. Dec. 15, 1862, Oren Ames, son of Galen and Sarah C. (Ames) Hamblett of Milford; res. in Washington, D. C.; d. Oct. 9, 1891.

John P. Wood, son of Abijah and Mary Ann (Hood) Wood, born in Hollis, Jan. 25, 1833. Is foreman in a linseed oil mill; res. in Piqua, Ohio, since 1880. Married June 6, 1859, Eliza W., daughter of Jonathan and Esther (Converse) Calef, born in Fitchburg, Mass., Aug. 23, 1839.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Estella Hattie, b. Aug. 13, 1860; is a dressmaker, and res. in Piqua, Ohio.
2. Abbie Louisa, b. May 20, 1875; d. April 7, 1876.
3. Arthur Leon, b. July 23, 1879; is an engineer, and res. in Piqua, Ohio.

## WOODMAN.

Charles L. Woodman, son of Jonathan and Lena (Wilson) Woodman, born in Sidney, Australia, July 16, 1860. Is a stonecutter; came from Pelham in 1894; resides at East Milford. Married March 1, 1887, Blanche, daughter of Albert and Martha A. (Tilton) Woodman, born in Sandwich, Aug. 15, 1857. No children.

## WOOLSON.

David Woolson, son of Thomas and Joanna (Dexter) Woolson, born in Woburn, Mass., Nov. 11, 1769; was a farmer; resided on the place now owned by James Sanderson; came to Milford in 1797, and died April 12, 1834. Married Jan. 20, 1798, Sally, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Littlehale) Crosby, born in Milford, April 8, 1778, and died Aug. 14, 1852.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. † David, b. Jan. 26, 1799.
2. Martha W., b. Aug. 23, 1800; m. Dec., 1840, John, son of Joel and Sally (Foster) Barker; res. in Milford until his decease, when she rem. to Quincy, Mass., where she d. Jan. 10, 1879.
3. Mary, b. Nov. 1, 1802; d. July 19, 1817.
4. Elizabeth, b. July 30, 1807; m. Jan. 20, 1842, Nathan, son of Dr. Nathan and Elizabeth (Swett) Cutter; res. in Bedford, and d. there June 25, 1890.
5. Thomas, b. May 30, 1811; d. Dec. 29, 1819.
6. Sarah S., b. July 4, 1813; d. Jan. 7, 1820.
7. Jotham C., b. Sept. 1, 1817; d. Dec. 24, 1819.

David Woolson, Jr., son of David and Sally (Crosby) Woolson, born in Milford, Jan. 26, 1799; was a farmer; resided on the homestead, and died there, Sept. 30, 1858. Married Jan. 24, 1826, Mary B., daughter of Isaac and Martha (Knowlton) Moore, born in Milford, Jan. 11, 1800, and died in Milford, March 6, 1884.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Jotham Dean, b. Jan. 19, 1827; was overseer in a cotton mill; res. in Chicopee, Mass., and d. there, Nov. 20, 1899; m. July, 1848, Mary, dau. of Oliver and Betsey (Holt) Stone of Milford.
2. Anna Jane, b. Sept. 1, 1829; m. Feb. 4, 1868, Horace W., son of Abner and Susanna (Barton) Keyes, b. in Hancock, res. now in Amherst.
3. Henry Martin, b. Nov. 15, 1831; d. in Milford, Feb. 2, 1853.
4. David Brainard, b. Feb. 2, 1836; is a machinist; res. in New Haven, Conn.; m. Oct. 9, 1867, Carrie E. Morrill.
5. Mary Elizabeth, b. June 5, 1838; m. Jan. 6, 1859, Orman Shattuck of Brookline; res. there, and d. Jan. 17, 1876.
6. George Thompson, b. July 26, 1840; d. Oct. 3, 1841.
7. Isaac Moore, b. Feb. 26, 1844; is a baker; res. in Boston, Mass.; m. Feb. 20, 1866, Mary A., dau. of Horatio N. and Sarah J. (Robinson) Dunbar of Milford.

Benjamin Woolson, son of Ebenezer and — (Babrook) Woolson, born April 26, 1806; was a laborer, came to Milford in 1846, from Pepperell, Mass., and died Feb. 18, 1876. Married about 1839, Roxana Chapman, born Oct. 24, 1808, and died Sept. 3, 1873.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN PEPPERELL, MASS.

1. Lydia Ann, b. Jan. 4, 1841; d. in Wilton, Dec. 12, 1874, unm.
2. Martha, b. May 1, 1844; d. in Nashua, Dec. 14, 1893, unm.

## WORCESTER.

Israel L. Worcester, son of Israel L. and Ruth (Whitney) Worcester, born in Brighton, Mass., Oct. 30, 1803, was a farmer; came to Milford in 1852, from Greenfield, resided on place formerly owned by John Blunt on north end of Federal Hill, where he died June 2, 1888. Married Feb. 9, 1837, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (—) Hoyt, born in Warner, March 11, 1816, and died in Milford, Sept. 30, 1892.

## CHILDREN.

1. † Charles Henry, b. in Brighton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1838.
2. Elizabeth Ann, b. in Brighton, Mass., Jan. 12, 1842; m. (1) Eben Blanchard of Milford, (2) Nov. 13, 1871, Edward Crosby of Milford; d. Aug. 25, 1875.
3. Mary Frances, b. in Brighton, June 9, 1844; m. (1) March 19, 1864, Henry Haskell, (2) Nov. 28, 1866, Henry A. Kirby; res. in Milford; d. Jan. 13, 1900, from the effects of an accidentally overturned lamp.
4. George Albert, b. in Greenfield, June 5, 1852; is a mechanic and electrician; m. May 12, 1878, Anabiah, dau. of Jason and Phebe (Phillips) Russell of Milford, and res. there.

Charles H. Worcester, son of Israel L. and Elizabeth (Hoyt) Worcester, born in Brighton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1838; came to Milford in 1852, with his father; was in First Regiment Heavy Artillery, of New Hampshire, in the war of 1861 to 1865, and removed to Tyngsborough, Mass., in 1866, and now resides there. Married (1) May 7, 1862, Kate A., widow of John A. Clogston and daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Veneas) Kirby, born in New Haven, Vt., Nov. 22, 1839, and died in Tyngsborough, Mass., Dec. 3, 1892; (2) Dec. 22, 1894, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Lavid) Cross, born in Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 11, 1853.

## CHILDREN:

1. Henry Harrison, b. in Milford. Nov. 22, 1862; is a laborer and res. in Dorchester, Mass.; m. (1) June 15, 1882, Helen M. Caldwell of Tyngsborough, Mass., (2) March 13, 1894, Mary Ann, dau. of Angress T. and Sarah (Macoush) Camorn of Sidney, Cape Breton.
2. Jennie Gertrude, b. in Tyngsborough, Mass., April 6, 1867; m. (1) Jan. 5, 1888, Charles W. Amizen of Newcastle, (2) June 21, 1899, James E., son of Tobias and Mary Catherine (—) Connell of Hudson, and res. in North Chelmsford, Mass.
3. Charles Albert, b. in Tyngsborough, Mass., Aug. 10, 1875; is a laborer; m. April 4, 1898, Hattie Eliza, dau. of D. M. and Martha Ann (Harris) Roberts of Beekmantown, N. Y., and res. in Tyngsborough, Mass.

## WRIGHT.

Benjamin Wright, son of John and Mary (—) Wright, born in Dunstable, Oct. 21, 1751; was a farmer, came to Milford when a young man and settled upon a place in that part of the town called the Mile Slip and died there in 1819. Married about 1774, Betty Adams of Dunstable.

Benjamin Wright's father, John Wright, and five of his brothers, viz.: 1. John, Jr.; 2. Zebedee; 3. Isaac; 4. Nehemiah, and 5. Oliver, were engaged more or less in the Revolutionary War. Nehemiah, aged 18, and Oliver, aged 16, were in the battle of Bunker Hill.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Benjamin, Jr., b. May 20, 1775; d. Sept. 19, 1777.
2. † Benjamin, Jr., b. June 13, 1778.
3. Betty, b. April 24, 1780; d. unm. July 12, 1851.
4. Ira, b. April 4, 1782; was a farmer; m. Sept. 18, 1811, Prudence, dau. of Timothy and Prudence (Elliott) Hutchinson of Milford, and d. June 24, 1827.
5. † Joel, b. Jan. 26, 1784.
6. † Oliver, b. Aug. 10, 1787.
7. Sally, b. Jan. 19, 1789; d. Oct. 25, 1789.
8. Sally, b. June 12, 1790; m. April 9, 1812, Amos, son of Aaron and Susannah (Hobbs) Peabody, and d. Sept. 28, 1867.
9. Mary, b. July 3, 1792; m. Dec. 31, 1812, Nehemiah Holt of Temple, res. there and d. April 22, 1838.
10. Lydia, b. Dec. 2, 1794; m. Dec. 30, 1819, John, son of John and Rachael (—) Shed of Hollis, res. there and d. May 10, 1874.



11. Nehemiah, b. May 12, 1796; d. Sept. 27, 1798.
12. Gratia, b. Aug. 12, 1799; was a teacher, d. in Hollis, Oct. 18, 1832, unm.

Benjamin Wright, son of Benjamin and Betty (Adams) Wright, born in Milford, June 13, 1778; was a farmer, residing on the homestead, and died July 17, 1860. Married, about 1804, Polly, daughter of Zebedee and Thankful (Adams) Wright, born in Dunstable, Feb. 5, 1781, and died in Milford, Feb. 12, 1861.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Recta, b. March 28, 1805; m. Jan. 13, 1831, John B., son of Timothy and Prudence (Elliott) Hutchinson of Milford, and d. Jan. 16, 1892.
2. Mira, b. Oct. 7, 1806; d. April 26, 1838.
3. Hermon, b. Jan. 11, 1809; was a farmer, res. in Lyndeborough, where he d. Jan. 18, 1886; m. (1) June 5, 1839, Adaline, dau. of Ezra and Bethiah (Burnap) Upham of Wilton, (2) July 12, 1853, Mary J., dau. of Joel and Lucy E. (Hancock) Learned of Washington, Vt.
4. Louisa, b. March 19, 1813; d. Sept. 17, 1898, unm.
5. Mary, b. Feb. 10, 1815; d. March 4, 1815.
6. † Ezra Prescott, b. May 7, 1818.
7. † James Rufus, b. Nov. 21, 1821.

Rev. Joel Wright, son of Benjamin and Betty (Adams) Wright, born in Milford, Jan. 26, 1784, was a graduate of Dartmouth college in the class of 1809. Was pastor of churches in Leverett, Goshen, and Dana, Mass., also in Wilmington, Vt., and Sullivan, N. H. He died in South Hadley Falls, Mass., June 8, 1859. Married, 1812, Lucy W., daughter of Rev. Daniel and Deborah (Hall) Grosvenor, born in Paxton, Mass., Dec. 8, 1785, and died in Fond du Lac, Wis., Oct. 18, 1861.

## CHILDREN.

1. Daniel Grosvenor, b. in Leverett, Mass., Sept. 22, 1813; is a clergyman, res. in Highland, N. Y.; m. May 25, 1836, Aletta Van Brunt, dau. of Jeremiah of New Utrecht, N. Y.
2. Joel W., b. in Leverett, Mass., Nov. 24, 1815; d. in Brattleboro, Vt., July 6, 1832.
3. I. Spencer, b. in Leverett, Mass., Jan. 10, 1818; was a physician and surgeon and d. in Brookline, Mass., Jan. 7, 1890; m. Caroline A. Warner of Greenwich, Mass.
4. Lucy W., b. in Leverett, Mass., April 2, 1820; d. there Oct. 5, 1821.



5. Lucy S., b. in Goshen, Mass., Aug. 30, 1822; m. Alfred L. Hoyt, a dentist of Boston, Mass., and d. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26, 1889.
6. Eliza A., b. in Goshen, Mass., May 18, 1827; m. John A. Martin, a teacher, of Hartford, Ct., res. there and d. June 24, 1877.
7. Ira Buckley, b. in Wilmington, Vt., May 23, 1830, is a merchant; m. Jan. 1, 1856, Elizabeth S. Trask of Enfield, Mass., and res. there.

Oliver Wright, son of Benjamin and Betty (Adams) Wright, born in Milford, Aug. 10, 1787, was a farmer; resided in that part of the town called the Mile Slip, where he died, Jan. 3, 1831. Married, Feb. 11, 1812, Susanna, daughter of Daniel and Ruhama (Cutter) Smith, born in Milford, July 11, 1792, and died in Milford, March 3, 1875.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ruhama, b. Nov. 25, 1814; d. Aug. 3, 1818.
2. Laura, b. Nov. 22, 1816; m. (1) Feb. 18, 1835, Caleb, son of Jesse and Polly (Leavitt) Hutchinson of Milford, who d. Jan. 16, 1854; she m. (2) Sept. 29, 1863, Adams Peabody, b. in Milford, and res. in Jefferson City, Mo.
3. Otis, b. Feb. 28, 1819, and d. March 12, 1819.
4. Harriet, b. June 25, 1820; m. Jan. 10, 1843, George H. Perkins of Nashua; res. in Jefferson City, Mo., and d. there Oct. 9, 1876.
5. Elizabeth Ann, b. May 8, 1823; m. Jan. 5, 1853, William Whitmarsh of Milford, and res. in Denmark, Iowa.
6. Nancy, b. March 12, 1826; m. Sept. 29, 1859, Samuel Lovejoy of Milford, res. there.
7. Susanna, b. Aug. 13, 1829, and d. Oct. 15, 1829.

Amos Wright, son of Benjamin and Polly (Wright) Wright, born in Milford, Nov. 8, 1810, was a farmer; resided a few years in Wilton, returned to Milford, and died Dec. 12, 1888. Married Aug. 25, 1842, Jane L., daughter of George and Maria (Hinton) Littell, born in New York city, Dec. 18, 1820, and died in Brookline, Nov. 30, 1895.

#### CHILDREN.

1. George Benjamin, b. in Milford, Sept. 11, 1843; d. in the army, Aug. 2, 1863.
2. Maria Louisa, b. in Milford, Sept. 6, 1845, and d. in Wilton, June 1, 1861.
3. Mary Elizabeth, b. in Wilton, Dec. 22, 1848; m. Dec. 5, 1877, Rev. Albert F., son of Elbridge G. and Jerusha E. (Stearns) Newton of Milford.

4. Emma Jane, b. in Wilton, April 7, 1850; d. in Wilton, Dec. 24, 1868.
5. Charles Frederick, b. in Wilton, July 26, 1861, is a merchant, and res. in Nashua; m. Dec. 24, 1885, Annie E. Adams of South Merrimack.

Ezra Prescott Wright, son of Benjamin and Polly (Wright) Wright, born in Milford, May 7, 1818, was engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods for twenty years, residing in Lowell, Mass.; returned to Milford, where he died, Dec. 17, 1899. Married Jan. 28, 1841, Lydia H., daughter of James and Hannah (Lawrence) Russell of Hollis, born March 14, 1820, and died in Milford, Dec. 1, 1878.

## CHILD.

1. Lydia Josephine, b. in Nashua, Nov. 14, 1841, and d. in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 28, 1860.

James R. Wright, son of Benjamin and Polly (Wright) Wright, born in Milford, Nov. 21, 1821, is a farmer; removed to Lyndeborough in 1848, thence to New Boston, where he now resides. Married April 9, 1846, Elizabeth, daughter of Amos and Sally (Wright) Peabody, born in Milford, Feb. 3, 1828, and died in New Boston, Oct. 25, 1887.

## CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Ella M., b. Sept. 22, 1847; m. May 21, 1865, John A., son of Andrew and Hannah M. (Cheney) Fuller of Lyndeborough, and res. in New Boston.
2. Fanny A., b. Oct. 14, 1848; m. Feb. 1, 1870, Otis N., son of Stephen and Mary C. (Cragin) Holt of Francestown; res. there, and d. Feb. 1, 1892.

Lemuel N. Wright, son of Lemuel and Mary (Farley) Wright, born in Hollis, Aug. 9, 1818, is a farmer and carpenter; came to Milford in 1873, from Amherst. Married Jan. 5, 1842, Rebecca, daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Smith) Jaquith, born in Mount Holly, Vt., Jan. 12, 1817, and died in Milford, March 8, 1897.

## CHILDREN.

1. †Noah Daniel, b. in Mount Holly, Vt., March 13, 1846.
2. Henry Franklin, b. in Bedford, Nov. 8, 1851, and d. in Bedford, Oct. 21, 1853.

3. George Washington, b. in Hollis, July 2, 1857; d. in Amherst, Oct. 31, 1870.

Noah D. Wright, son of Lemuel N. and Rebecca (Jaquith) Wright, born in Mount Holly, Vt., March 13, 1846, is a farmer; removed to Amherst in 1892. Married July 27, 1870, Eliza J., daughter of John M. and Hannah (Peabody) Sargent, born in Milford, Sept. 5, 1844.

#### CHILDREN, BORN IN MILFORD.

1. Arthur Grant, b. Nov. 9, 1874, is a mechanic; m. Sept. 27, 1899, Bessie A., dau. of Silas M. and Ann E. (Dodge) Soule of Woolwich, Me., and res. in Milford.
2. Walter Daniel, b. Aug. 24, 1876; is a farmer, and res. with his father.

Ephraim Wright, son of John S. and Ursula (Brown) Wright, born in Brookline, Nov. 2, 1854, is a stone cutter; came to Milford in 1885, from Nashua. Married, Nov. 27, 1872, Emma S., daughter of Samuel and Syrena (Proctor) Robbins, born in Nashua, Oct. 28, 1852.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Charles Ozro, b. in Brookline, Sept. 18, 1875, and d. in Milford, April 29, 1890.
2. Ida Frances, b. in Nashua, March 13, 1878; m. Nov. 3, 1897, William H., son of Robert and Lillian M. (Jones) Elmes, and res. in Milford.
3. Willie Frederic, b. in Nashua, June 18, 1880.
4. Clara Anna, b. in Nashua, Sept. 25, 1884.

#### YEATON.

Edson L. Yeaton, son of Solomon and Mary A. (Hilliard) Yeaton, born in Epsom, Sept. 12, 1854, is a tinsmith; came to Milford in 1887, from Suncook, and returned in 1894. Married Oct. 15, 1876, Clara L., daughter of Edwin R. and Sarah (Page) Stanley, born in Chichester, Sept. 25, 1853.

#### CHILDREN.

1. Lester Elvinson, b. in Suncook, May 6, 1877.
2. Roy Stanley, b. in Suncook, Feb. 5, 1879.
3. Ethel May, b. in Suncook, Sept. 26, 1880.
4. Clara Louisa, b. in Orcutt, Vt., Feb. 17, 1885.
5. Clarence Edwin, b. in Milford, Aug. 19, 1890.

## YOUNG.

William Q. Young, son of William H. and Martha (Stevens) Young, born in Mancheser, Aug. 31, 1844; is a farmer; came to Milford in 1887; resides on the place formerly owned by David Goodwin on the north end of Federal hill. Married (1) Nov. 25, 1868, Marion A., daughter of Ephraim C. and Mary (Quimby) Hardy, born in Manchester, Sept. 25, 1851, and died there Jan. 12, 1873; (2) April 23, 1879, Celinda M., daughter of Micajah P. and Sarah Willey, born in Sutton, June 15, 1846.

## CHILDREN:

1. Martha Jane, born in Merrimack, Oct. 9, 1870; m. Nov. 16, 1892, Gustavus V. F., son of Job W. and Sarah A. (Smith) Green of Milford; res. in Nashua.
2. William Ernest, b. in Manchester, July 27, 1872; is a farmer; res. in Milford.
3. Frank Quincy, b. in Manchester, April 10, 1881.
4. Lizzie Maria, b. in Manchester, Aug. 20, 1882; m. Dec. 4, 1900, Victor C., son of Henry and Mary Ann (Euston) Smith of Greenwich, N. Y. They reside in Milford.

James Thorne Young, son of William H. and Martha J. (Stanhope) Young, born in Brunswick, N. Y., May 17, 1868; is a granite dealer, came to Milford in 1890, from Troy, N. Y. Married, Oct. 21, 1896, Ethel L., daughter of Louis C. and Sarah E. (Foss) Billings, born in Milford, June 7, 1877.

## CHILD.

1. Muriel Billings, b. in Milford, April 24, 1898.

## SUPPLEMENT.

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### ADDITIONS TO AND CORRECTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES.

PAGE 567, GEORGE ANDERSON.

2. Rachel Gibson, d. Feb. 18, 1900.

PAGE 571, MOSES AVERILL, JR.

3. Clementine, d. in Simona, Fla., May 19, 1900.

PAGE 576, JOEL BARKER.

Instead of Catherine Lovejoy read, Polly Lovejoy, daughter of Joseph and Molly (Cummings) Fletcher, born in Dunstable, Mass., in 1776, and died in Milford, Dec. 30, 1842.

PAGE 577, FRED W. BARNES.

6. Child, Kachen Isabelle, b. Oct. 17, 1900.

PAGE 608, JOHN BURNS.

Jane, m. Sept. 21, 1756.

PAGE 614, ASA BURNS.

6. Charles Gray, died in Delano, Minn., June 11, 1900.

PAGE 620, ELMER B. BURNS.

6. Robert Jason, d. June 1, 1900.

PAGE 622, GEORGE W. BURTON.

2. Child, George Rodney, b. July 18, 1900.

PAGE 623.

Daniel T. Buttrick, died in Milford, Dec. 14, 1900.

PAGE 623, JONATHAN BUXTON, JR.

2. Annette M., d. in Milford, April 7, 1900.
12. Henry Clay, d. in Milford, April 5, 1900.



PAGE 628.

William Cheney, d. in Milford, Oct. 11, 1900.

PAGE 638, EVERETT B. COFFIN.

3. Child, Florence, b. July 3, 1900.

PAGE 653.

Joseph Fitch Crosby, d. in Milford, May 11, 1900.

PAGE 677, EUGENE A. DUTTON.

5. Child, Mary Veronica, b. Nov. 30, 1900.

PAGE 681, HENRY D. EPPS.

6. John Luther, d. in Saranac Lake, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1900.

PAGE 682, THOMAS T. FARNSWORTH.

Lucy B. (Rice) Farnsworth, d. in Milford, July 8, 1900.

PAGE 686, THERON P. FISHER.

6th child, Dana Pierce, b. in Methen, Mass., Oct. 13, 1900.

PAGE 718, JOHN GUTTERSON.

9. Simeon Waldo, d. in Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 2, 1900.

PAGE 721, MARCUS U. GUTTERSON.

5. Child, Florence Eveline, b. June 4, 1900.

PAGE 730, ANDREW L. HARRIS.

3. Wilbur Andrew, d. in Swampscott, Mass., July 5, 1900.

PAGE 740, DAVID H. HENNIGAN.

7. Child, Lizzie Allen, b. Nov. 6, 1900.

PAGE 744, MICHAEL HOLLAND.

7. Daniel, m. June 27, 1900, Mary, dau. of Jeremiah and Johanna (Bohan) Cotter of Canton, Mass., and resides in Milford.

PAGE 754, JEREMIAH HOOD, 2D.

2. Sophia Morse, d. in Milford, Sept. 22, 1900.

PAGE 758, DANIEL HOPKINS.

2. Daniel, Jr., d. in Hugo, Minn., March 15, 1900.

## PAGE 763, BENAIAM HOWE.

9. William H., d. in Poultney, Vt., Dec. 2, 1900.

## PAGE 765, JEREMIAH HOWE.

7. William R., d. in Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 1, 1900.

## PAGE 822, JONATHAN LOVEJOY.

Tabitha Upton, his wife, was born in Reading, Mass., March 25, 1745, the daughter of William and Lydia (—) Upton.

6. Polly died, for 1871, read 1874.

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## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

### NAMES OF THE POSTMASTERS IN MILFORD FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Rodney H. Wallace, March 14, 1822.

Royal Wallace, December, 31, 1822.

Jonathan Bartlett, November 3, 1829.

Daniel Russell, January 28, 1851.

Simeon S. Stickney, December 29, 1853.

Edward Lovejoy, April 12, 1861.

John W. Crosby, April 20, 1869.

Edward Finerty, April 7, 1894.

Fred E. Hoyt, May 4, 1898.

George A. McIntire, January 17, 1900.

On page 426 in sketch of A. E. Pillsbury add that he is a trustee of Lawrence Academy and president of the Society of Sons of New Hampshire in Boston (1900).

To sketch of Baptist church on page 92 add pastor, Rev. Frank L. Knapp; deacons, William P. Colburn, Joel H. Fisher, Walter H. Ware, N. Kingsbury Holt; clerk, George A. Worcester; treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Worcester (1901).

On page 280 add John McLane, moderator, 1899-1901.

James M. Laws, town clerk, 1899-1901.

Frederick W. Sawyer, town treasurer, 1899-1901.

Selectmen 1899, Frank W. Ordway, George A. Worcester, Everett Stickney.

Selectmen 1900, George A. Worcester, Everett Stickney, Charles A. Langdell.

Selectmen 1901, George A. Worcester, Harry A. Wilkins, Eugene A. Savage.

Representatives 1898, William P. Colburn, Arthur L. Keyes, Charles A. Langdell.

Representatives 1900, Emri C. Hutchinson, Edgar I. Kendall, Frederick W. Sawyer.

## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

On page 83 a list of the deacons serving the church while it was shipped in the old town-house is given. To the list should be added the honored name of Daniel Burns.

A complete list of the deacons of the church is here given:

### DEACONS.

John Wallace, elected in 1803; died.  
 William Lovejoy, elected in 1803; resigned in 1813.  
 Daniel Burns, elected in 1811; died in 1860.  
 Nathan Putnam, elected in 1813; resigned in 1819.  
 Isaac Lund, elected in 1813; died in 1819.  
 Robert Knights, elected in 1828; died in 1880.  
 Freeman Crosby, elected in 1833; died in 1884.  
 Humphrey Peabody, elected in 1833; died in 1865.  
 Abel Chase, elected in 1861; died in 1884.  
 Moses French, elected in 1861; died in 1889.  
 Addison Heald, elected in 1872; died in 1895.  
 John E. Foster, elected in 1872.  
 Abel C. Crosby, elected in 1882.  
 D. Milton Heald, elected in 1882.  
 Everett E. Stickney, elected in 1889.  
 Andrew J. Hutchinson, elected in 1893.  
 Henry J. Wilson, elected in 1899.  
 William D. Sargent, elected in 1899.

### PASTORS.

Continuing the history of the church from page 9, we find that Rev. Henry P. Peck, after a successful pastorate of more than seven years, resigned, and was dismissed July 31, 1899.

Rev. John Edward Herman, Ph. D., was installed February 6, 1900. Since his settlement, Deacon Abel C. Crosby, with most commendable generosity, has purchased the Livermore Office estate, paying therefor \$1,000, removed the buildings standing thereon, and presented the lot to the society, thereby enlarging and improving the real estate of its society.

Influenced by this act of Deacon Crosby, members of the parish and others have subscribed a substantial sum, which has been expended in grading the lawn in front of the church edifice.

Extensive repairs have also been made upon the church.

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## THE GRANITE BUSINESS.

Since the article on page 298 was written this industry has assumed additional proportions, several new companies having been organized. In fact, the granite quarrying and manufacturing business is

not only the leading industry of the town, but in the amount of its product excels all towns and cities in the state, with perhaps the exception of the city of Concord. The supply seems to be inexhaustible, and the newly-operated quarries are equal, if not superior, to those which have been worked for many years.

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### HONORARY DEGREES.

The following natives of Milford have received the honorary degree of A. M.:

Rev. Joseph C. Foster, Brown University, 1857.  
George A. Ramsdell, Dartmouth College, 1871.  
Charles H. Burns, Dartmouth College, 1874.  
Albert E. Pillsbury, Harvard College, 1891.

The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. Joseph C. Foster by Central University of Iowa, 1883.

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### MILITARY BANDS.

For more than half a century Milford has maintained almost continuously one or more military bands. The venerable John W. Hutchinson states that the first full band was one of about a dozen pieces, formed in the thirties, of which he and his brother Judson were members. This band was in existence at least as late as the Harrison campaign of 1840, in which its services were in frequent demand. Later this developed into the "Washingtonian Band," formed about 1845, which took its name from the temperance movement then at the height of its popularity, and under the instruction of Peter H. Clark of New Ipswich, and later of Alonzo and Amos Bond, noted musicians of that day, attained a marked degree of proficiency. In or about 1851 the band came under the direction of James P. Griffin, a musician and composer of unusual talent, and "Griffin's Brass Band" had for several years a wide reputation and great popularity, owning no superior among the military bands of the state. In connection with the band Mr. Griffin conducted a small orchestra, which was equally popular and successful. Of the old Washingtonian and Griffin's bands, J. W. Hamblett, Geo. L. Darracott, William C. Kidder, and Everett Hutchinson are the only known survivors in Milford. Mr. Griffin died in 1854, and the band did not long survive the loss of its leader.

In 1861 the Milford Cornet Band was formed and has ever since maintained an active existence. It has been at various times under the leadership or direction of D. F. Thompson, its first leader, C. E. Shattuck, A. A. Nicklass, William C. Kidder, H. P. Hamblett, D. A. Vittum, F. P. Gregg, and in recent years under professional direction of various non-resident musicians. This is now one of the oldest

bands in continuous existence in the state. Its reputation has steadily risen, and it was never more proficient or popular than at the present time.

In 1894 a rival organization, the Mechanics' Band, entered the field, under the leadership of F. P. Gregg, and competed for a share of the public patronage until about the end of 1896, when it was found impracticable to maintain two bands in Milford.

For several years past the Milford Cornet Band has given a series of open-air concerts in the square on Saturday evenings during the summer, of a character highly creditable to a country band, which draw large audiences from Milford and the neighboring towns, are highly appreciated by the townspeople, and contribute much to make the town attractive to summer visitors. Some of the well-known residents of the town who have been connected with this band are L. C. Billings, J. R. Perkins, O. H. Foster, J. A. Mixer, W. B. Rotch, J. B. Heald, W. P. Tarbell, and J. M. Stickney.

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### RAILROADS.

On page 331 a somewhat extended account is given of the opening of the Fitchburg branch to Milford. Since that time a charter was obtained for a road from Manchester to this town, and the road built and opened for business Dec. 31, 1900.

At the session of the Massachusetts legislature, which has recently adjourned, a lease of the entire mileage of the Fitchburg railroad and branches was authorized. Under this lease the Boston & Maine railroad has taken possession of the Fitchburg and branches.

The Manchester & Milford railroad has been constructed as a branch of the Concord railroad and is operated as a part of the Concord railroad by the Boston & Maine railroad.

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### THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL MISSION.

Since the article on page 104 was written, several years ago, the parish has not only maintained the ground which it possessed at that time, but has made a positive gain.

The Rev. James Goodwin, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Nashua, has for the past four or five years held services with considerable regularity in the parish, and the number of communicants is larger than at any previous time.

The parish is now known as the Church of our Saviour; Rev. William Edwin Patterson at the present time (1900) is minister in charge.

Plans for a church edifice, to be located upon an eligible lot on Grove street, have been prepared and its foundation laid, and its early completion is confidently expected.



## ERRATA.

On page 211 read G. W. Came for G. W. King.

On page 242 read Clarissa for Clausia Town.

On page 254 read Riverside Cemetery.

On page 270 read Josiah W. Pillsbury aged eighty-three years.

On page 331 read J. C. Foster for J. G. Foster.

On page 345 read Albert E. Pillsbury, born in Milford, August 19, 1849.

On page 369 read Herbert S. Hutchinson for Herbert F. Hutchinson.

On page 368, the date when the Milford Savings Bank was enjoined should read June 12, 1895.

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